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Spotlights

■ National Central Library Plans Branch and Union Archive Center in Tainan

After years of effort, a branch and union archive center in the south eventually found its home in Tainan (台南) city. Premier Chuan Lin (林全) visited the proposed site (in the Hsin-ying (新營) District of Tainan City) on February 14, 2017, with Deputy Minister Ching-hwa Tsai (蔡清華) (Ministry of Education) and others accompanying him and giving remarks. NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng (曾淑賢) also gave a briefing on the conceptual design.

Premier Lin pointed out that by building a southern branch of NCL he hopes reading resources can be better allocated throughout the island. Furthermore, he anticipates that the branch will



Premier Lin (2nd left) visits the proposed side of NCL's southern branch and union archive center.

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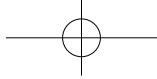
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incorporate the newest technology, enabling strong digital archives and digitization services. With a well-rounded facility, the library will be able to create a strong reading atmosphere that will be inviting to the public. He also made clear his hope that this project will be completed in the quickest time possible so that results can be seen.

Deputy Minister Tsai stated in his remarks that this new project not only enriches library resources available to mid and southern counties and meets the needs of the people there but also alleviates the lack of archive space in NCL and public libraries.

Director-General Tseng's briefing began with the aims of the project and the features of building in Hsin-ying District. It then went on to compare other advanced nations' experience in developing national libraries as a basis for planning this southern branch and union archive center. In all, it allowed the dignitaries and citizens in attendance to gain a deeper understanding of the concept behind this project.



Director-General Tseng's briefing.

■ 2017 Taipei International Book Exhibition

The 2017 Taipei International Book Exhibition (TiBE) ran from February 8-13 at the Taipei World Trade Center's exhibition hall. National Central Library used this yearly exhibition to share its abundant resources with both Taiwanese and foreign readers. This year, NCL also invited National Taiwan Library and National Library of Public Information to join in a joint exhibition entitled "Libraries: The Wonderland."



All dignitaries attending the opening ceremonies pose in front of the "Libraries: The Wonderland."

On February 8, an opening ceremony was held at the exhibition, with Deputy Minister of Education Teng-chiao Lin (林騰蛟), NCL Director-General Tseng, National Taiwan Library Director-General Lai-Chang Cheng (鄭來長), and National Library of Public Information Director-General Chung-Ching Liu (劉仲成) speaking. Deputy Minister Lin said the joint exhibition's use of sound, images, and books to represent the history of reading was truly wonderful.