

■ NCL Issues 2016 Trends in Taiwan Book Publications Report

In February 2017, NCL released its Current Status of and Trends in Taiwan Book Publications report. In 2016, Taiwan had 4,979 publishers publish 38,807 new books. These two numbers are both new lows for the last five years. Novels (11.52%), Children's Books (8.60%), and Humanities, History and Geography (7.79%) were the top three categories. The categories of Government Publications and Children's Books also experienced a large increase.

Foreign books in translation numbered 9,716 (25%), with works primarily coming from Japan, America, and Britain. The largest number of translation work were in the Manga category, as more than 90% of that category were translated Japanese works. Other categories included Children's Books, Medical and Home, Self-help, and Novels. These four categories had over 30% of their publications coming from foreign works.



The publication of children's books rises against the tides; however, there is a high percentage of translated works.



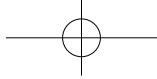
Translations of foreign books are numerous, with 90% of published manga coming from translated Japanese works.

■ The NCL Attends the 2017 Annual Conference of the Worldwide Association for Asian Studies

The 2017 annual conference of the worldwide Association for Asian Studies (AAS) was held on March 16-19 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto, Canada. NCL's Center for Chinese Studies and its cooperating partner, the Chiang Ching-kuo (蔣經國) Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (CCKF), participated in the book exhibition and displayed 385 outstanding titles of publication (414 volumes) in China and Taiwan studies published in the last three years.



CCS's booth at the AAS annual conference book exhibition.



Library representatives to the conference included Deputy Director-General Ying-mei Wu (吳英美) and CCS Liaison Division Head Wen-te Huang (黃文德). After the conference, the books on display were donated to the Cheng Yu Tung (鄭裕彤) East Asian Library at the University of Toronto. The donation was made by Deputy Director-General Wu and CCKF Executive Director Yun-han Chu (朱雲漢); the donation was received by University of Toronto Chief Librarian Larry P. Alford.

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The U.N. resolution was read, and a Jewish rabbi led a prayer and the lighting of candles. Those in attendance were also asked to pray for blessings for the holocaust survivors. Following this, President Ing-wen Tsai (蔡英文), Deputy Minister Ching-hwa Tsai from Ministry of Education, Director Martin Eberts from the German Institute Taipei and Representative Asher Yarden from the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei all spoke.



From right to left: Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Toronto Deputy Director Song-hui Hong (洪松暉), Executive Director Chu, Chief Librarian Alford, and Deputy Director-General Wu take a group photo with honored guests in front of the CCS's booth.



President Ing-wen Tsai attends and speaks at the event.

Events

■ International Holocaust Remembrance Day Held at NCL

On February 19, the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei, the German Institute Taipei, the Ministry of Education, and the National Central Library teamed up to host an International Holocaust Remembrance Day at

Their messages were a reminder to the world of the importance of transitional justice and of respect between ethnic groups. The desire was also expressed that Taiwan and Israel have more cooperative opportunities in the future in cultural and educational affairs so that the lesson from the Holocaust can be firmly planted in people's hearts. There was also talk of Taiwan and Germany having more discussion on the issue of transitional justice. The event featured three songs composed by