

invited to give lectures. The course's opening ceremony took place on June 3. NCL Director-General Tseng expressed the NCL's dedication to assisting local public libraries with the training of their library staff. The NCL actively visits local areas to keep library information professionals abreast of developments in the field, enhancing their professional sense of achievement.



Director-General Tseng (center) poses with course participants and distinguished guests.

The training course consisted of seven sessions held over four days with the following themes: Library Space and Environment Design; IT and Internet Management; Access to the NCL's Digital Resources and E-Learning Campus in Practice; Collection Development and Library Acquisition; Reference Materials and Services; Quality Management and Client Satisfaction; and Reader Services and Reading Promotion.

The 4-day training was attended by 32 local library staff from all over Pingtung County.

■ The 9th Intercollegiate Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Presentation and Competition, 2017

The NCL and Southern Taiwan University of Science Technology (STUST) co-hosted the intercollegiate outstanding theses and dissertations authorization presentation and competition on May

26. This was the ninth year of the event, which also aims to promote the authorization of full-text open access to theses and dissertations.

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The award winners, with NCL Director-General Tseng and distinguished guests.

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Director-General Tseng (left) awards the prize for Best Group Co-operation.