

■ A New Prototype System for Taiwan Memory

On July 31, 2017, the National Central Library (NCL) held an announcement campaign, building a new prototype system for Taiwan Memory, which was a cooperative project between the NCL and Research Center for Digital Humanities of National Taiwan University (臺灣大學).

NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng (曾淑賢) explained that Taiwan Memory was a website that gathered together digital resources, and was popular both among literature and history scholars and in the publishing industry. The Ministry of Education's 2016 digital humanities plan incorporated the idea of providing the ability to explore digital humanities resources into historical materials databases.



NCL Director-General Tseng gives an opening speech at the announcement campaign.

Director-General Tseng continued that in the age of co-operation, a collaboration between the Ministry of Culture's (MOC) National Memories Database Project and NCL's Taiwan Memory would be even more ideal.

At the announcement campaign, project manager Prof. Jieh Hsiang (項潔), Research Center for Digital Humanities of National Taiwan University, and project coordinators Prof. Tzu-heng Chiu (邱子恒) from Center for General Education of Taipei Medical University (臺北醫學大學) and Dr. Chiung-min Tsai (蔡炯民) from Research Center for Digital Humanities of National Taiwan University were invited to speak.



Director-General Tseng (2nd right) with honored guests (right to left): Prof. Tzu-heng Chiu, Prof. Jieh Hsiang, Dr. Chiung-min Tsai, and MOC's Ting-yu Lien (連丁幼, MOC's Department of Cultural Resources).

Events

■ The National Central Library and Sayling Wen Cultural and Educational Foundation Join Forces to Promote Reading

The National Central Library (NCL) and Sayling Wen (溫世仁) Cultural and Educational Foundation co-hosted the 2017 Elementary and High School Composition Competition Award Ceremony at the NCL on July 8. The aim of the competition is to foster reading in Taiwan. The foundation is dedicated to promoting reading and, through the competition, aims to encourage the strengthening of

elementary and high school language education, and to increase students' interest in reading and improve their composition skills. This coincides with the NCL's vision for its services.

Minister of Education Wen-chung Pan (潘文忠) remarked that reading is the means to acquire knowledge, while deep reading is essential to increasing one's innate capacity. He expressed his admiration for Sayling Wen's efforts in nurturing people's talent and his emphasis of reading and composition. This year's awards commended 74 students and 10 schools, whose winning entries and appraisals of their work were exhibited in order to give students the chance to learn from one another.



Minister of Education Wen-chung Pan (潘文忠) with the award-winning students.

■ The 2017 NCL Summer Internship Program

On July 10, the National Central Library (NCL) held a ceremony to mark the commencement of its 2017 Summer Internship Program for Library and Information Science students. This year's program took place over six weeks. Library staff supervised thirteen students from four Universities: National Taiwan University (國立臺灣大學), Fu Jen Catholic

University (輔仁大學), Tamkang University (淡江大學), and Shih Hsin University (世新大學).



Director-General Tseng welcomes the interns.

The interns studied aspects of the library's work, such as reader services and reading promotion. The practical side of the program covered areas such as cataloguing books and reference materials, audio-visual materials, and electronic resources; sending books for deposit; creating e-books; library collection work; circulation and collection services; editing and proofreading; and the digitization of books and documents. The hands-on content of this program put together by the NCL would enrich students' professional knowledge and skills.



NCL Director-General Tseng (seated, 2nd from left) with the teachers, librarians, and students participating in the program.