

■ National Central Library 2016 YearBook



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The R.O.C. Library Yearbook is a specialist reference work that lists the year's important events, activities, and information relating to Taiwan's libraries. It (1) accurately reflects the current state of the libraries' work; (2) supplements new information and data; (3) improves the whole structure of compilation; (4) objectively guides the direction of library research; (5) provides complete information to search and use.

NCL International Exchange Events

On July 5, 2017 A delegation of 11 Koreans led by Dr. Han Söhnak, president of the Woodblock Art Association of Korea, visited the NCL to view ancient books on Buddhism and information on



Korean delegation visits NCL's Rare Books Room.

Chinese New Year pictures. Editor Huei-zhu Chung (莊惠茹) from the Special Collections Division explained the materials to them and showed them NCL's Rare Books and Special Collections database.

On July 6, 2017 Dr. Decha Sungkawan and a group of nine others from the College of Interdisciplinary Studies at Thammasat University in Thailand visited the NCL. They viewed an introductory video about the NCL and toured its facilities and various services.



Dr. Decha Sungkawan (center) takes photos with his delegation and NCL's staff.

On July 28, 2017 A group of 17 students who attend "2017 International Summer School NTU Summer + C 2 Chinese Translation and Cultural Program" visited the NCL. They toured the various services facilities and the Rare Books Room, and had an in-depth discussion with NCL staff.



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On August 16, 2017 Prof. Priyadarsi Mukherji, Director of the Centre for Chinese and South-East Asian Studies of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, and his wife visited the NCL. They met with Director-General Tseng and discussed potential areas of collaboration, including exchanges in Chinese studies, visiting scholars, and publication exchanges. After the meeting, they toured the Rare Books Room and other library services and facilities.



Prof. Priyadarsi Mukherji (center) presents Director-General Tseng with a souvenir.

On September 26, 2017 Deputy Director-General Chen Jian (陳堅) from Capital Library in Beijing led a 14-member delegation to visit the NCL. Director-General Tseng personally welcomed



Deputy Director-General Chen Jian (4th from left) and the delegation meet with Director-General Tseng (4th from right).

them and shared with them current services and holdings. They also discussed NCL's experience in mentoring libraries throughout Taiwan. In addition to touring the reading rooms on each floor of the NCL, they also visited the exhibition on the Collected Works of Master Hsing Yun (星雲).

On September 29, 2017 Chu Shuqing (褚樹青), Director of the Hangzhou (杭州) Library, and three assistants visited the NCL. They toured the services and facilities on each floor, and since Director Chu is keenly interested in research on ancient books, they were also invited to visit the exhibition in the Rare Books Room.

Chinese Studies Symposium

■ The CCS Holds a Colloquium for MOFA Taiwan Fellowship Scholars

On July 4, the second presentation of research undertaken by 2017 Taiwan Fellowship scholars was held at the National Central Library (NCL).

The first to present was Dr. Jonathan Sullivan, an associate professor at the University of Nottingham, the UK. In his presentation, entitled “How and Why Foreign Media Get Taiwan ‘Wrong’: What It Means and What Taiwan Can Do About It,” Dr. Sullivan described how the Western media have constructed discourse on democratic Taiwan, and offered some suggestions as to how Taiwan should respond.

Next to present was Kristina Karvelyte, a Ph.D. candidate from the University of Leeds, the UK. Speaking on “The Meaning of the ‘Cultural Turn’ in Taipei,” Ms. Karvelyte argued that besides being influenced by the market, domestic and foreign politics are also the reasons behind Taiwan's cultural policy change.