

four, accumulating merit; No. five, study,” reflects thousands of years of Chinese divination activities. It is really worth investigating the mysterious hidden meanings, profound philosophies, and widely-disseminated fortune-telling books associated with these practices.



Prof. Yung-tang Chang (張永堂) speaks on “The Treatise on Harmonizing Times and Distinguishing Directions (協紀辨方): Selection of Dates and Ancient Chinese Taboos.”

This season’s speakers and lecture topics are as follows:

1. Prof. Chia-Che Chang (張哲嘉), “Translating and Adjusting: The Arrival in China and Sincization of 2000 Years of Western Astrology”
2. Prof. Hsiang-kwang Liu (劉祥光), “The People Are Fond of Ghosts and Gods: The Practice of Fortune-Telling in the Song Dynasty”
3. Prof. Tseng-Kuei Liu (劉增貴), “*The Treatise on Harmonizing Times and Distinguishing Directions* (協紀辨方): Selection of Dates and Ancient Chinese Taboos”
4. Prof. Yung-Tang Chang (張永堂), “Scholars and Fortune-Telling”
5. Prof. Ping-yi Chu (祝平一), “Catholicism and Fortune-Telling in the Late Ming and Early Qing Dynasty”

6. Prof. Kin-Weng Huang (洪健榮), “The response of officials and gentry in Qing dynasty Taiwan to geomantic culture”



Attendees fill up the lecture venue.

NCL Publications

■ National Central Library 2016 Annual Report



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National Central Library 2016 Annual Report is a collected report on the NCL achievements of the year 2016. The great improvement on library and information services, the creativity of service models, and the quality of library management have made NCL to march forward with great steps among the excellent national libraries in the world.

■ 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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