

a lecture there on Nov. 23, on the topic of Taiwan Literature and World Literature.



Distinguished guests gather for a group photograph at the International Conference on the Sinophone and Writing Southeast Asia.

■ 2017 Taiwan Reading Festival Forest Reading Carnival

The 2017 Taiwan Reading Festival Carnival was held on Dec. 2 at the Daan Park. It was hosted by National Central Library (NCL) and the Taipei City Parks Department.

This year saw many unique activities, such as the “Reading Wander” where environmental protection experts explained the biology and ecosystem in Daan Park; “Reading in Nature,” which had bookshelves designed to blend into the surrounding space, so that reading can meld with nature and life; “Reading Walk of Fame” combining elements of music, dance, and theater with reading; “Forest Story Village” where Director-General Tseng and other VIPs acted as mystery guests and took children on fanciful reading adventures; “Reading Happiness Parade” that went from the main doors of NCL to Daan Park—the parade started off with a rousing chant “Love reading, embrace happiness, forest reading, go go go!”

Other activities included Forests, Grass Fields, and Reading Groups; Reading 101; I Choose My Reading Style; and Love You Library: Missions for Librarians for a Day.



Forests, Grass Fields, and Reading Groups attracts a lot of children.

Events

■ NCL Holds Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies Abroad

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) of the National Central Library (NCL) and the University of Tokyo jointly hosted a Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies at the university on Oct. 13. Academia Historica’s Director Mi-cha Wu delivered the lecture, entitled “Taiwanese Historical Research and Official Documents.” The NCL partnered with the University of Tokyo to establish a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) at the university in 2014.

On Nov. 14 and 17, Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies was held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), USA, and University of Toronto, Canada respectively. Prof. Kai-wing Chow, the Department of History of UIUC, was invited and spoke on “Printing Technology, Book