

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

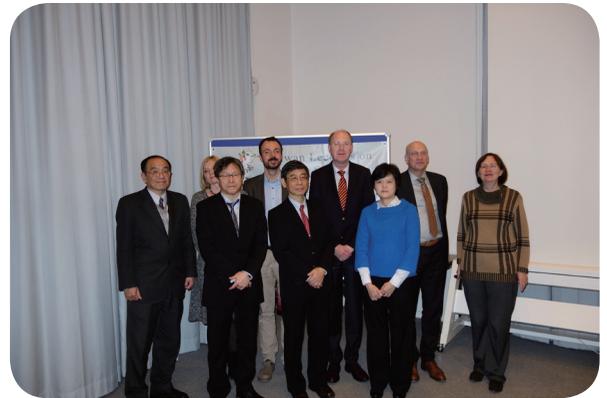
Culture, and the World of Print in Imperial China” at UIUC. Prof. Ru-shou Chen from the Department of Radio and Television, Chengchi University (政治), delivered his speech on “Taiwan Cinema and the Spectre of the Martial Law”.

The NCL and University of Malaya co-hosted Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies on Nov. 23. Prof. Kuei-Fen Chiu, Graduate Institute of Taiwan Literature and Transnational Cultural Studies of National Chung Hsing University (中興), was invited and spoke on “Taiwan Literature and World Literature.”



Acting Director-General MAHBOB YUSOF presents Prof. Chiu with souvenirs (Photo provided by the university of Malaya).

The seventh and eighth sessions of the 2017 Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies were held in Germany and Czech respectively. The CCS invited Academia Sinica Research Fellow Ming-huei Lee to deliver these two lectures. On Dec. 13, Prof. Lee talked on “Ist der Konfuzianismus eine Religion?” (Is Confucianism a religion?) at the German Bavarian State Library, with the eighth “Confucian Humanism and Religion” being held on the 15th at the Chiang Ching-kuo International Sinological Centre at Charles University and co-hosted by the Czech Academy of Sciences’ Oriental Institute.



Taiwan Representative to Germany Dr. Jhy-wey Shieh (2nd left), Prof. Lee (2nd right, front row), Director-General Klaus Ceynowa (center, back row), and other participants.

### ■ The 2017 NBINet Policy Committee Meeting and the NBINet Librarian Consortium Meeting

The 2017 NBINet (National Bibliographic Information Network) Policy Committee Meeting and the NBINet Librarian Consortium Meeting were held on Dec. 21 at the National Central Library (NCL). The policy committee met in the morning. Attendees actively discussed such topics as value-added uses of books, selection of Chinese name authority identification code, librarian competence workshops, and meant to encourage collaborative cataloging of books.



Director-General Tseng speaking at the NBINet Librarian Consortium Meeting.