

challenging libraries and the needs for librarians. From there he explored what skills librarians needed in this new age to respond to changes and how they can act in a role of spreading freedom of speech in a democratic society.

■ A Trip of Exchanges and Learning: A Public Library Delegation from Taiwan Goes to Singapore

The Ministry of Education allocated special funds to form a “Taiwan Public Library Learning Delegation to Singapore.” This took place on Dec. 4-6, 2017 at Singapore’s National Library Board (NLB).

Staff at the NLB introduced their reading promotion activities and digitization services. The Taiwan delegation toured the national library and other public libraries in Singapore. Director-General Tseng gave a lecture on recent progress in librarianship in Taiwan, the Taiwan Ministry of Education’s policies and subsidies, reading promotion efforts, and innovative services. Representatives from Taiwan’s municipalities and counties also gave excellent presentations on innovative services in their libraries.



The delegation at the Jurong Regional Library.

In addition to attending workshops, the delegation also visited Jurong Regional Library, Tampines Regional Library, the Library of Esplanade, the Library of Orchard, and Singapore Management University Library etc.

■ 2017 Pacific Neighborhood Consortium

The Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) 2017 Annual Conference and Joint Meetings was held on Nov. 7-9 at National Cheng Kung University (成功), Taiwan. The theme for the conference was the Data Informed Society.

On Nov. 8, the National Central Library (NCL) hosted a session at the conference on the theme “Digital Libraries: The Intersection of Humanity and Technology.” Three scholars delivered papers at the session, which was moderated by NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng. They are Prof. Ko-chiu Wu from Department and Graduate Institute of Library and Information Science, National Taipei University of Technology. Dr. Klaus Ceynowa from the Bavarian State Library, Germany, and Dr. Chiung-min Tsai from Research Center for Digital Humanities National Taiwan University.



Director-General Tseng (2nd, right) with the invited speakers (left to right: Prof. Wu, Dr. Ceynowa, and Dr. Tsai).



Director-General Klaus Ceynowa (left) poses with Director-General Tseng in the conference venue.

During the three days of this year's annual conference, 164 people from 13 different countries attended, sharing their experience relating to the issues of the digital age.

■ **Bavarian State Library Director-General Ceynowa Gives a Lecture at the NCL**

BSB (Bavarian State Library) Director-General Klaus Ceynowa kindly accepted an invitation to lecture at the NCL on Nov. 10 and delivered his lecture, entitled "Content in Context—Collections and Services in the Digital World: Experiences and Examples from the Bavarian State Library."

Dr. Ceynowa began the lecture by giving some statistics relating to the services provided by his library. In particular, he spoke of the hard work that has been put into the library's digitization services and the results it has produced. He emphasized the phrase "content is king, context is queen," to describe the inextricable link between the two.

Using specific examples, he then explained the key institutional alliances and services of the digital age. He gave an example of the 3D digital microscope service provided by the BSB that offers up to 5000x optical magnification, which

has enabled researchers to cross into a brand new field of research; an image-based similarity search makes use of a function that explores similar data, extending the limits of the service. After the lecture, the audience eagerly posed questions and exchanged views with the speaker.



Dr. Ceynowa answers questions.

■ **The Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources**

The 11th Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources (CCDSCR) and the Council Meeting of the CCDSCR was convened on Oct. 24 at the Sir Robert Ho Tung Library, Macao. The meeting was attended by ten representatives from libraries in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao. Attending on behalf of the NCL were Deputy Director-General, Ying-mei Wu, and Head of the Center for Chinese Studies Materials Division of the NCL, Wei-tung Chang.

Deputy Director-General Wu reported on the recent progress of the Union Catalogue of Chinese Rare Books project. Ms. Wu requested that libraries from China, Hong Kong, and Macao contribute information on their rare book holdings to the catalogue.