

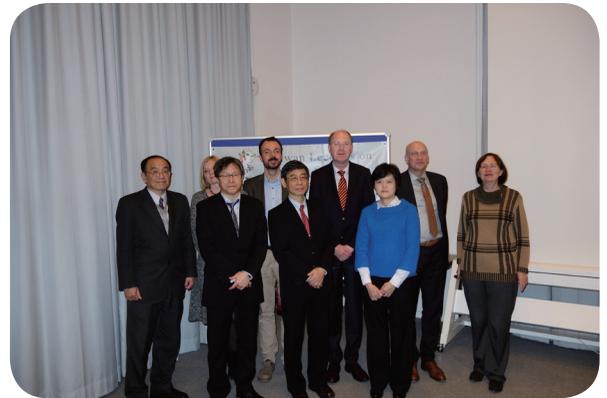
Culture, and the World of Print in Imperial China” at UIUC. Prof. Ru-shou Chen from the Department of Radio and Television, Chengchi University (政治), delivered his speech on “Taiwan Cinema and the Spectre of the Martial Law”.

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.

The NBINet Librarian Consortium Meeting was held in the afternoon. In addition to a brief report on operations at the NBINet, this year's meeting also discussed such issues as changing venues for future meetings, touring and visiting foreign bibliographic centers, etc. Another main purpose for this meeting was to re-elect the policy committee. With the assistance of those in attendance, the eighth policy committee was selected.

### ■ The 4th Xuanlan Forum Has a New Look

Starting in 2012, the NCL and the Nanjing Library determined to host a Xuanlan (玄覽) Forum each year. 2017 was the fourth year, with the forum being hosted by the NCL on Oct. 17. The theme for this year was "Library Plus: Knowledge Flow and Space Creation." A total of thirteen scholars and experts from the Nanjing Library, the National Library of China, and from Taiwan were invited to speak on five issues under the following two broad topics: "Library Plus: Removing Wall and the New Face of Libraries, Cross-industry Collaboration and New Services Routes" and "Knowledge Plus: Bringing New Life to Ancient Books and Knowledge Restructuring, Digital Humanities and Knowledge Sharing, Cloud Learning and the New Face of Reading."



*A group photo of experts and scholars from China and Taiwan at the 4th Xuanlan Forum.*

In addition, Prof. Jieh Hsiang was invited to speak on "Research on Encyclopedias from the Perspective of Digital Humanities." Meetings on the second day of the forum were held at Southern Taiwan University (南臺) of Science and Technology, where an open discussion was held on "Libraries and the Development of Creative Works."

### ■ Dr. Ismail Abdullahi Speaks on "The Role of Librarians in the 21st Century"

The National Central Library (NCL), the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and the Library Association of the Republic of China cohosted a lecture on Dec. 20 on the topic "The Role of Librarians in the 21st Century." Dr. Ismail Abdullahi, who at the invitation of the AIT made time in his schedule to come, shared his research insights. The NCL asked Prof. Mei-mei Wu from National Taiwan Normal University's Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies to act as discussant.



*Participants take photos with Dr. Ismail Abdullahi (4th left) after the speech.*

In Dr. Abdullahi's lecture, he shared ALA's (American Library Association) recent experience in establishing a strong cooperative library network, as well as how young people's online interaction are