

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).