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Spotlights

International Joint Research and Training Program for Nation's Memory and Archive Management



Overseas attendees, Deputy Minister for Education, Ching-hwa Tsai (7th right), and NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng (6th right) at the opening ceremony.

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The National Central Library (NCL) hosted the International Joint Research and Training Program for Nation's Memory and Archive Management from Oct. 30 – Nov. 3, 2017. An opening ceremony was held in the NCL's International Conference Hall to mark the start of the program on Oct. 30. In her opening speech, NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng said that the program's aim was to strengthen partnerships with ASEAN countries, while advancing exchanges and cooperation with other countries around the world.

Lecturers and course participants for the program were invited from many countries, including Australia, Brunei, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Latvia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam. Among the attendees were a number of Director-

General level staff, such as Leipzig University Library Director-General Prof. Ulrich Johannes Schneider, the University Librarian at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, and Deputy Chief Executive of the National Library Board, Singapore, Ms. Tay Ai Cheng.

Deputy Minister for Education, Dr. Ching-hwa Tsai, remarked that over the past decade or more the Taiwanese government has been funding libraries, museums, and public and private cultural institutions to digitize their collections and create databases of related materials, which has produced a vast quantity of digital information.

A number of local and overseas experts and scholars accepted invitations to attend the four-day program. They discussed such topics as the working methods appropriate for the digital era, the experiences of different countries and institutions in establishing their respective national memories, and the cultural preservation of life and memories.



Deputy Minister Tsai for Education delivers a speech at the opening ceremony.

Local experts also gave accounts of Taiwan's digitization projects and how archives are built up and used. They described how further developing the technology and scope of the management of all kinds of archive and then pooling collective

knowledge could help bring about the establishment of deeply meaningful and effective models of sharing.

■ **NCL Partner with UCLA and UIUC to Establish the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies**

On November 13, NCL (National Central Library) Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng and UCLA (the University of California at Los Angeles) Associate University Librarian Dr. Sharon Farb attended a ceremony to mark the signing of a comprehensive agreement between the two libraries. In accordance with the spirit of the agreement, in future the two institutions will exchange staff, academic information and materials. They will also co-host conferences in which they share a common interest.



Left to right: Asia-Pacific Research Center Director Zhou Min, NCL Director-General Tseng, UCLA Associate University Librarian Farb, Los Angeles TECO Deputy Director Ping-shen Wang.

On the same day, the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) was officially opened, the 25th of its kind to be established worldwide, and the third to be established in the United States by the NCL. The NCL have initially provided the UCLA TRCCS with a collection of 1,151 both