

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