

Tseng spoke on the “National Library’s Efforts to Manage Archives and Provide Services for Digital Resources in Taiwan.” In this lecture, she shared the NCL’s experience with regard to file management and the provision of digital resources. In the afternoon, Director-General Tseng participated in a discussion on the “Preservation and Dissemination of the Memory of a Nation: UNESCO’s Memory of the World Program,” with UNESCO experts Mr. Al-Amin Yusuph of UNESCO, and Dr. Ramesh Guar of the IGNCA.

In order to get a better understanding of the innovative methods employed by the collecting divisions of India’s important institutes, while in India, Director-General Tseng also took the opportunity to visit the IGNCA’s library, the National Museum, National Archives Museum, and Delhi Public Library. She exchanged experience with these institutions, deepening her knowledge of India, an important country with regard to Taiwan’s New Southbound Policy.

### ■ **The Executive Yuan Approves the “Southern Branch of the National Central Library and National Repository Library Construction Project”**

The “Southern Branch of the National Central Library and National Repository Library Construction Project,” which was submitted by the Ministry of Education and National Central Library, was approved by the Executive Yuan on December 28, 2017. Construction will go from 2018-2021. All subprojects started in January 2018. Construction of this new facility will enable NCL to better meet the needs of patrons in the south, reduce the age of patrons served and thus make library services more complete, mitigate the critical space issue in many

types of libraries, preserve national cultural assets in the form of books and digital resources.

This construction project includes the Southern Branch of the National Central Library and the National Repository Library. The Southern Branch of National Central Library will continue and further enhance the missions National Central Library has been given, including functioning as a professional development base for books and information, a library service innovation center, a book and materials preservation and restoration center, and a local children’s and youth literature and history center. In addition, special services are provided for readers from different age and ethnic groups. The National Repository Library includes automated archives, a combined repository, and a digital resource preservation center. It will house the largest automated storage and retrieval system and storage shelving in the nation. This will enable the most efficient use of archive space to improve service effectiveness. It will also seek to acquire and preserve valuable digital resources.

To achieve this new aim, NCL completed a public construction project proposal in 2017 to acquire the necessary funding. The planning



*Task force meetings of constructing and planning NCL’s Southern Branch and the National Repository Library are regularly held.*

committee researched the requirements and came to a consensus. It formulated initial project plans and conducted a needs assessment, creating a website (<https://sbncp.ncl.edu.tw/tw/>) to provide information to the public and to solicit public input. It also sent personnel to libraries in Japan and the US to collect information related to archiving books, keeping data, and past digital preservation experiences. Finally, it held public hearings, forums, and information meetings to hear local input and to pool together insights.

On March 15, 2018, NCL accepted a bid from Transcend Engineering Consultants Co., Ltd. to function as Project and Construction Management (PCM).

### ■ **Three National Libraries Jointly Participate in the 2018 Taipei International Book Exhibition**

The 26th Taipei International Book Exhibition took place on February 6-11, 2018 at Taipei World Trade Center exhibition halls. This year the National Central Library (NCL) once again invited the National Taiwan Library and National Library of Public Information to put together a joint exhibit. The theme chosen for 2018 was “A Fantastic Voyage in the Sea of Books.” The opening ceremony for the exhibit was held on February 6. Chief Secretary Dr. Nan-shyan Chu represented the Ministry of Education (MOE), while Taipei Book Fair Foundation (TBFF) Chairman Cheng-ming Chao, Israel Economic and Cultural Office Representative Asher Yarden, and several distinguished guests were invited to attend and give speeches.

In her speech, NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng highlighted the fact that a partnership exists between libraries and publishers. When readers use

libraries more, they fall in love with reading; and the more they cultivate reading habits, the more often they buy books. MOE Chief Secretary Chu encouraged the audience to enthusiastically attend Taipei’s book exhibitions, buy more books there, and read more, while delivering his remarks. TBFF Chairman Chao highly praised the highly distinctive design of this year’s exhibition booth, saying it was like a big ship had sailed onto the exhibition floor.

2018’s joint exhibit utilized reproductions of books and historical materials, as well as photographs of cultural artifacts, housed in the three libraries. The display showed the variety of ways to read, from traditional paper publications to modern digital technology.



*Distinguished guests of the opening ceremony take photos in front of the book exhibition booth.*

### ■ **A Reprint of National Treasure Diamond Sutra at NCL Makes Its Debut at Taipei International Book Exhibition**

A Reprint of National Treasure Diamond Sutra at NCL was published by Linking Publishing, and made its debut at 2018 Taipei International Book Exhibition (TiBE), which immediately became the highlight of Linking Publishing’s opening party at the TiBE’s opening day, February 6. The Library’s copy of the Diamond Sutra is a dual-color, one-juan volume printed in the 1341 (Yuan dynasty) by the