

## ■ Taiwan's 2018 International Holocaust Remembrance Day Event Was Held at NCL

An event commemorating Taiwan's 2018 International Holocaust Remembrance Day was held on Sunday, February 25 in the afternoon at National Central Library's auditorium. The purpose was to remember those who died in the Holocaust by the Nazis in World War II and to help prevent future genocide behavior. The event was hosted by the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei and the German Institute Taipei. NCL also assisted with the event.

Martin Eberts from the German Institute Taipei and Asher Yarden, the representative of the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei, spoke on how all mankind should learn from the Holocaust on how to face hardships, heal wounds, and imbue moral integrity and courage into the rising generation. During the event, the documentary "Schindler of the East: He Fengshan" was shown. Dr. He Fengshan was the ambassador of the Republic of China to Austria from 1938-1940. His sense of morality and bravery caused him to issue visas for thousands of Jews so that they could avoid death under the Nazis. In 2000, Israel named him one of the "Righteous among the Nations."

President Tsai Ing-wen attended the event in 2018 and spoke, just as she did the year before. She emphasized the fact that Taiwan is actively participating in the international community, but that it must remember this period of history and reflect deeply on it to ensure that it does not happen again. She also mentioned that the government in Taiwan is making preparations to build a National Human Rights Museum. In the future

related institutions in both countries will engage in exchanges to safeguard human rights and to ensure the freedom and righteousness of humanity.

Apart from the Remembrance Day activities, the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei also held an exhibition on 36 foreign diplomats from 20 countries known as the "Righteous among the Nations" and what they did to save the Jews. Their inspiring bravery and resilience should be remembered.



*President Tsai Ing-wen gives a talk at the International Holocaust Remembrance Day Event.*

## ■ The First EUTW Forum of 2018 Was Held at NCL

The first EUTW Forum of 2018 centered on the theme Reflections and Prospects of EU Politico-economic Development in 2018 and explored issues related to current political and economic issues in the EU. This forum was held on Friday, March 30 in the morning at NCL's 3rd floor meeting room. It was co-hosted by NCL, the EU Centre in Taiwan, and the National Cheng Chi University EU Jean Monnet Programme. NCCU Professor Chang Tai-lin hosted the forum and led the discussion. Invited to participate were Professor Der-Chin Horng from Academia Sinica's Institute of European and American Studies, Professor Chung-hung Cho from the Graduate Institute of European Studies