

hoped that the book exhibition would help the international scholarly community better understand the current state of Chinese Studies research carried out in Taiwan, strengthen academic collaborations and exchange programs, and at the same time inform overseas scholars as to how to purchase such books.



Prof. Yun-han Chu (1st left), Executive Director of CCKF, and Yuri Yao-tsung Chih (3rd left), Director of Education Division at Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, take a group photo with honored guests in front of the NCL's booth.

NCL Publications

■ Taiwan Publishing and Reading (First Issue)



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March 2018 saw the publication of the first issue of *Taiwan Publishing and Reading* by the National Central Library. This new periodical replaces *New Books: Recent and Forthcoming Publications in Taiwan, ROC* (Issued Monthly), which ran for 19 years and 228 issues from 1999-2017. It is hoped that the new publication will be even better able to

reflect social trends, and prove even more beneficial in the dissemination of culture and promotion of reading.

Published quarterly in March, June, September, and December, *Taiwan Publishing and Reading* will, as its title suggests, in the main carry publishing and reading related articles. Each issue will have a different theme, be divided into a number of sections, and presented in a lively layout. The different sections include “Themed Reading,” “People in Publishing and Reading,” “E-Publishing,” and “Reading Taiwan.” There is also a special section, “Publisher’s Choice,” which will be a platform for publishers to recommend new books.

The theme for issue #1 of *Taiwan Publishing and Reading* is “The International Book Exhibition and a Year of Publications in Review.” This issue looks back on the state of publishing and reading in Taiwan in 2017, beginning by focusing on an important bellwether: the 2018 Taipei International Book Exhibition. To help review the year in publishing, there are also individual reports from Taiwan, the UK, the U.S., Germany, Japan, Hong Kong, and China. It is hoped that this look back on 2017 will prepare readers for the coming year by helping them understand the developing trends in publishing and reading.

■ Cultural and Creative Bibliography, Multicultural Bibliography, Knowledge Bibliography, and Youth Bibliography



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In line with the Ministry of Education's 2017 Guidance Plan for Promoting the Comprehensive Development of Public Library Resources, the National Central Library (NCL) continues its work to replenish Taiwan's 12 Regional Resource Centers with the latest books, enriching this public reading resource. In 2017, four book selection committees were convened, and a total of 31 experts in their subjects were invited to join. These experts selected the best of the year's books published in Taiwan and overseas. Besides serving as a basic reference for each Regional Resource Center's book purchasing, these recommendations were also compiled together and published. After publication, this set of bibliographies was simultaneously sent to all of Taiwan's public libraries and the libraries of universities and colleges, to serve as a reference for building a good collection.

NCL International Exchange Events

On January 4, Ms. Gee Miao Miin from the National Library Board of Singapore visited Director-general Shu-hsien Tseng and toured NCL's facilities and service. In addition, the two libraries exchanged views on hiring and training staff, arranging training courses, assessing public libraries, and professional learning maps for librarians.



Ms. Gee Miao Miin (left) receives NCL's souvenir and publications from Director-General Tseng.

On January 18, Professor Hong Ryul Kim and other 16 members of delegation from the Department of Library and Information Science, Jeonju University, South Korea, came to the NCL to visit the library and related service facilities. In addition, opinions are exchanged about the NCL's human resources, the use of study carrels, reading promotion activities, as well as Japanese and Korean collections, etc.



Group photo at the lobby of the NCL.

On January 19, Representative Asher Yarden from the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei paid an official visit to Director-general Shu-hsien Tseng. They discussed co-hosting both the International Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration and a speech delivered by popular Children's book author Yannets Levi.

On February 2, Deputy Representative David



Director-general Tseng presents NCL's souvenir and publications to Representative Asher Yarden.