



Israel's writer Mr. Yannets Levi speaks at NCL.

■ Two Donations Made to NCL

The opening and book donation ceremony of "Soaring Creativity Hong Kong Pavilion" at the Taipei Book Fair 2018 was held on February 6. Chan Kim-man, vice chair of the preparation committee, donated a portion of their display books to National Central Library. Totalling more than 600 volumes, content includes finance, history, culture, literature, biographies, art, and education. Director-general Shu-hsien Tseng received the donation and presented Ms. Chan with a certificate of appreciation. In addition, Ratna Sagar P Ltd./ Offshoot Books, a first time participant from India and one of its most famous publishers, donated 103 foreign language children's books to NCL. Ratna has long been publishing works in education. This donation will be housed in the southern resource center as part of its unique holdings in Chinese and foreign language children's literature and books.



Soaring Creativity Hong Kong Pavilion Chan Kim-man (left) presents Director-general Tseng with a book donation.



Project Manager Archana Bisht (center) presented Director-general Tseng with a donation of books.

■ Outcomes Conference on Taiwan Public Library Delegations to the U.S., Canada, and Singapore



Director-general Tseng (center) and delegates at the outcomes conference.

In an effort to raise the global visibility of Taiwan's outstanding libraries, to inspire morale in public library staffs, and to increase head librarians, supervisors, and outstanding librarians' understanding of international library developments, in 2017 National Central Library (NCL) with the support of the Ministry of Education arranged for two delegations to travel to the U.S. and Canada (Sep 23-30) and Singapore (Dec 3-8) to tour and learn from public libraries there.

After the visits, on January 1, 2018 NCL held an Outcomes Conference on Taiwan Public Library Delegations to the U.S., Canada, and Singapore. Delegates were invited to share what they learned, with the hope that it would be a useful reference

for future planning and managing of libraries in Taiwan. The Ministry of Education's Life-long Learning Department Director Yueh-li Huang was in attendance and spoke. She encouraged delegates to pass on the professional knowledge gained on the tours to fellow librarians so that more colleagues learn and understand.

■ The NCL Attends the “International Conference on the Cyberinfrastructure for Historical China Studies”

Renowned Harvard professor Peter K. Bol invited more than 100 sinologists, library studies scholars, and database architects to gather at the “International Conference on the Cyberinfrastructure for Historical China Studies” at Harvard Shanghai Center from March 14-16, 2018. NCL Editors Chuang Hui-ju and Wei Chia-hui, and Assistant Editor Wang Hung-te attended the conference. They introduced various NCL systems delivering digital content to the conference, including the Contemporary Celebrities' Manuscripts, Digital Humanities Platform for Chinese Ancient Books, E-Publication Platform, and National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan.

The aim of this conference was to define the types of facilities needed to establish a cyberinfrastructure for Chinese studies research. Through sharing information about their individual established cyberinfrastructures, conference attendees could also participate in interdisciplinary discussions, gain understanding of the tools needed for digitizing different types of text, and share the latest technological and systemic developments for their platforms.



NCL's staff attend “International Conference on the Cyberinfrastructure for Historical China Studies”, and take a photo with Prof. Peter Bol (2nd left).

■ The NCL Attends the 2018 Annual Conference of the Association for Asia Studies

The Association for Asian Studies (AAS) annual conference took place from March 22-25, 2018, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington D.C. The National Central Library's Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) attended this year's conference. From March 23-25, the Center cooperated with Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (CCKF) to participate in a book exhibition at the conference, exhibiting over 300 of the best Chinese and Taiwan Studies related humanities and social science research publications published in Taiwan in the last three years. At the end of the conference, all the publications were donated to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Davis Library, to add to its East Asian Collection. A ceremony to mark the donation was held on March 23.

More than 3,000 attendees have joined at this year's annual conference. There were over 443 symposia and lectures, attended by Asia researchers and library staff from American universities, and also Asian studies scholars and representatives of publishing houses from around the world. It was