

■ Popular Japanese Picture Book Author Tatsuya Miyanishi Talks about His Work

On January 7, 2018, the National Central Library (NCL) and the Hsiao Lu Publishing Company jointly invited popular Japanese picture book author Tatsuya Miyanishi to come to the NCL and spoke on “Super Magic Picture Book.” Mr. Miyanishi started by sharing his experiences giving talks around the world. Then, with his uniquely captivating storytelling, he shared several of his wonderful works with the audience, including *Hi, It's Me!*, *Hey, Come Over Here*, and *You Look Yummy!*

Mr. Miyanishi drew special attention to the fact that many parents have been used to let their children install and read books on their cellphones and iPads. However he believes that we shouldn't forget the sense of anticipation and emotion that turning the pages of a book brings, and especially the warm and joyful experience of cuddling a child while reading a book together. Every single reader in the audience was moved by the author's wonderful talk.



Mr. Tatsuya Miyanishi greets the audience.

■ NCL Hosts Two Lectures by Children's Authors

2018 Taipei International Book Exhibition was held on February 6-9. NCL took advantage of this

event to invite Steve Antony (Feb 10) and Yannets Levi (Feb 11) to come to NCL to speak.

Steve Antony, whose Mr. Panda series has become a bestseller worldwide, was awarded Britain's Oscar's Book Prize in 2014 for the first time for his book *The Queen's Hat*. He was also a finalist in England's Waterstones Children's Book Prize. His book *Please, Mr. Panda* was selected as the Best Children's Book by the Society of Illustrators in New York. His lecture at NCL was filled with humor and wit as he spoke about his creative content and his passion for illustrated books. He even drew interesting pictures during his talk. His interaction with the audience brought the lecture to an exciting climax.



Mr. Antony interacts with attendees.

Mr. Yannets Levi is one of the most popular authors for adults and children in Israel. He has published nine bestselling books. He spoke on his experience creating *Uncle Leo's Adventures* and *When Grandpa Jonah Was Just a Kid*, stating that in writing children's books one can take two people or things that seem unrelated and bring them together. In doing so he reevaluates experiences and thinks more deeply as he pieces stories together. In addition, creative works do not have a set method. He hopes that his stories can be published in different media and platforms.



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