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Spotlights

■ Director-General Tseng Travels to India to Share the NCL's **Experience of Creating Taiwan Memory E-database**

In order to share with other countries the experience the National Central Library (NCL) has gained in creating the Taiwan Memory e-database, NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng accepted an invitation to the "International Symposium on Emerging Trends and Technologies in Libraries and Information Services" (ETTLIS 2018), held at Bennett University. Director-General Tseng traveled to India, where she delivered lectures and participated in an informal discussion.

Director-General Tseng's first stop was the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) on February 22, 2018, where she delivered a lecture entitled "The National Memory of Taiwan: Current Development and Future Prospects of the Taiwan Memory System of National Central Library." Focusing on the NCL's Taiwan Memory e-database, in her lecture she talked about the technology used and experience gained by the NCL in establishing a database for preserving a nation's memory.

On the morning of February 23, at ETTLIS 2018, Director-General



Director-General Shu-hsienTseng gives a lecture at ETTLIS 2018 in India.

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.