

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.

Hrdousek of the Czech Economic and Cultural Office, and Deputy Representative Patrik Kravec of Slovak Economic and Cultural Office Taipei, came to the NCL to talk to Director-General Tseng about the joint exhibition and lecture project in 2018.

On February 8, Executive Council Member Ms. Jeong Weng Chi and other 5 members of delegation from Macau Library & Information Management Association visited Director-General Tseng and exchanged views on the developments of librarianship, followed by touring NCL's service facilities.

On March 12, Mr. Martin Torres, Head of Mexican Trade Services, Documentation and Cultural Office, paid an official visit to Director-General Tseng. They discussed co-hosting Mexican artist exhibition as well as other matters concerning cooperation.



Director-General Tseng presents NCL's souvenir and publications to Mr. Martin Torres.

On March 21, Teachers and Students from the Department of Library and Information Science, Khon Kaen University, Thailand, together with research students from Graduate Institute of Library & Information Studies, National Taiwan Normal University, 32 people in total, came to visit the NCL and exchange opinions. NCL's staff presented the library's current status, and played introduction

video. They also visited Digitization Center, Rare Books Room, as well as other service facilities of the NCL.



Group photo at the Rare Books Room of the NCL.

Chinese Studies Symposium

■ The CCS Holds Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) promotes academic exchanges in order to increase interaction between the local and overseas Chinese Studies communities. To this end, the CCS established the Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, which every year assists 15-20 overseas scholars in coming to Taiwan to conduct research for periods of between 3 and 6 months. Besides hosting Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies from time to time at which these scholars can present the fruits of the research, the center also often invites renowned scholars from around the world to visit and deliver lectures. Between January and March, 2018, three scholars gave presentations.

An Academic Seminar for Global Chinese Studies was held on January 5, 2018, to which Clark L. Alejandrino, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of History at Georgetown University and a 2015 grant recipient, was invited. The title