



Representative of Israel Yarden (3rd left) donates books to NCL Director-General Tseng (center).

The donation was comprised of over seventy volumes, including books in Hebrew, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese. Content covers Israeli literature, art, illustrations, society, humanities and more. Representative Yarden stated in his remarks that books are a medium of communication that can transcend space and time, allowing people in different areas to understand each other's culture. He hoped through this donation to establish a communication channel between Taiwan and Israel.

Director-General Tseng also expressed her desire that this donation would be the beginning of a collaborative relationship with Israel. In addition to expanding the Library's holdings and benefiting patrons, she hoped that libraries in both countries could engage in more exchange and collaboration.

■ **The Exhibition on the 100th Anniversary of Czechoslovakia held at the NCL**

The National Central Library (NCL) partnered with the Czech Economic and Cultural Office Taipei and the Slovak Economic and Cultural Office Taipei to jointly hold a Special Exhibition on the 100th Anniversary of Czechoslovakia, displayed in the lobby outside the briefing room at the NCL in Taipei from June 1-24, 2018. The opening ceremony

for the exhibition took place on June 1, and was co-hosted by NCL Director-General Tseng Shu-hsin together with Representative of Czech Republic Vaclav Jilek and Representative of Slovak Republic Martin Podstavek.



Distinguished guests toast the opening of the exhibition.

2018 marks the centenary of Czechoslovakia's foundation at the end of the First World War. Through valuable pictures and documents, the exhibition charts the development of the Czech and Slovak people's plans for founding a new country together. It describes Czechoslovakia's society, diplomatic relations, and contribution to the global marketplace since the nation's foundation.

Although Czechoslovakia split into the Czech and Slovak Republics in 1993, the two countries' Economic and Cultural Offices worked together on planning and preparing this exhibition, which enabled the people of Taiwan to gain a deep understanding the century of Czechoslovakia's history. After the opening ceremony, Dr. Ondřej Klimeš from Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences spoke on "Remembering the Milestones of Czechoslovakian History," explained the content of the exhibition and the development of the two countries, and made a perfect ending for this ceremony.