

National Central Library

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Spotlight

■ The International Symposium on ETD Held in Taiwan for the First Time at the NCL

The Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) organized the first International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) in 1998. This year, the 21st annual symposium took place in Taiwan for the first time, where it was hosted by the National Central Library (NCL) from September 26-28, 2018.

The theme for this year's symposium was "Beyond the Boundaries of Rims and Oceans: Globalizing Knowledge with ETDs." Attending were NDLTD's executive director and chairman of the board, Dr. Edward A. Fox, local Taiwanese scholars, as well as distinguished guests from the U.S., Canada, Brazil, France, Germany, India, Australia, Singapore, Mainland China, Thailand, the Philippines, and Korea. Discussion topics included: "Collecting and Sharing Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD)," "Local



Deputy Minister of Education Teng-chiao Lin (8th left, front row), NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng (7th left), and overseas attendees at the opening ceremony of ETD Symposium.

and International ETD Services,” “Applications of Big Data Analysis for the Worldwide Collection of ETDs,” “National Research Capacity From the Viewpoint of ETD,” “The Development of the Value-Added Digital Content Industry,” and “Intellectual Copyright Ethics in Academia.” The activities at the conference included eight special lectures, 30 conference paper presentations, the annual meeting of Taiwan’s NDLTD members, and a poster exhibition.

In his speech at the opening ceremony, the Deputy Minister of Education, Dr. Teng-chiao Lin, expressed encouragement and hope for the symposium. The NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated in her remarks that besides engaging in the active development of Taiwan’s ETD resources, the library has worked hard to promote the concept of ‘open access’ for ETD. This symposium enabled Taiwan to share its ETD experience with scholars and experts from around the world interested in the joint creation and sharing of ETD resources, and demonstrate Taiwan’s academic strength in this field.

■ **The Results of the Design Competition for the Southern Branch of the NCL and the National Repository Library Are Announced**

With keen interest from across society, the results of the design competition “Commissioned Design and Construction Management of the Southern Branch of the National Central Library (NCL) and the National Repository Library” were announced on August 30, 2018. Bio-architecture Formosana (BAF)’s submission earned the firm first place in the competition. The firm will work with Carlo Ratti, who Fast Company has said is “one

of the 50 most influential architects in America” and who will add a more international feel to the creative design.

BAF’s design was based on the concept “A library as a town.” They brought into the design big data analysis and AI smart technology to create in the library a place of knowledge and life. They desire to have the southern branch be a museum of public life there. In addition, the overall design emphasizes energy conservation and environmental protection, preserving 90% of the trees on the land and installing a solar panel canopy.



BAF’s model for the Southern Branch of the NCL and the National Repository Library.

Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated, for this project NCL hired local and international experts in architecture and library & information science to be on the review committee. Not only were committee members concerned with the actual needs of NCL but also with how the design would meet the needs of the local population, be flood and earthquake proof, and incorporate smart energy and reduced carbon usage. It is hoped that the new complex will be in use in 2021, and create a new architectural landmark for southern Taiwan.

The signing and awarding ceremony for the construction of the Southern Branch Library was held on September 14, 2018 at NCL. The Deputy Minister of Education, Dr. Teng-chiao Lin attended