

this ceremony and awarded trophies and prize to the top five of the design competition. The top five design models and images were on display at NCL from September 14 to 21, 2018. Posters showing the designs were also on display at the 6th exit of the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall metro station so that the public could also witness this historic moment and view the incredible designs by many talented firms.



Director-General Tseng (left) sign a contract with BAF on behalf of NCL.

### ■ The Trademark of Cross-strait Cultural Exchange: The 5th Xuan Lan Forum Comes to a Successful Completion

The 5th Annual Xuan Lan Forum was co-hosted by National Central Library (NCL), Nanjing Library, and Shanghai Library, and was held at Nanjing Library on August 21, 2018. The theme for this year's forum is "Inheriting Civility, Learning and the Formation of Character." Eleven experts were invited to discuss the following five themes with attendees: "Public Reading and Social Progress," "Chinese Books and Cultural Heritage," "Children and Youth Reading and Changing Dispositions," "Media Evolution and Varied Reading," and "Wang Yang-ming's Way of Reading and the Success of the Philosophy of the Mind." Papers were presented in the five sessions, with over 250 representatives from

Mainland China and Taiwan in attendance.

From August 22-24, the representative delegation of Taiwan public libraries visited the Shanghai Library, Pudong Library, Xujiahui Library of Shanghai, Jinling Library, and Xuzhou Library, having discussions and exchanges with the library professionals in each of these libraries.

The Xuan Lan Forum started in 2014 through a collaborative effort by Nanjing Library and the NCL in Taiwan. Each year the forum is held in either China or Taiwan, with invitations to attend extended to head librarians, scholars, and experts from both sides of the strait. This forum provides a platform for scholarly exchange, long-term collaboration, and experience sharing. The aim is to concentrate the power of Chinese cultural heritage.



A group picture of the representative delegation of Taiwan public libraries at Xuan Lan Forum.

## Events

### ■ The Exhibition on "Liang Dan-fong: Paintings of Formosa the Prosperous Island" held at the NCL

As a tribute to Prof. Dan-fong Liang's selfless dedication, the National Central Library (NCL) has held a special exhibition entitled "Liang Dan-fong: Paintings of Formosa the Prosperous Island" at the

NCL from July 31 to September 16, 2018. Around 300 of Prof. Liang's paintings of Taiwan have been selected for display at the exhibition, including oil paintings, watercolors and sketches, and grouped according to region.

The Minister of Education, Dr. Jiunn-rong Yeh attended the exhibition opening ceremony and gave remarks. In his speech, he remarked that, as a reader, he so enjoyed being able to admire such beautiful local scenes painted by a famous artist at the library. The NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated in her remarks that Prof. Liang had donated more than 14,000 of her life's works to the library's permanent collection, adding that she very much admired by her generous spirit. Director-General Tseng also praised Prof. Liang's contribution to Taiwan's cultural diplomacy.

Prof. Liang was overjoyed that so many of her paintings are receiving appropriate care and storage at the library, and extremely grateful to it for providing staff to carry out the necessarily related management and other activities. After the ceremony had concluded, she also spent an hour giving the distinguished guests a personal guided tour of her works.



*Prof. Liang (center, seated) gives a guided tour, accompanied by Minister Yeh (center, standing), with Director-General Tseng(1st left).*

In addition, Prof. Liang gave a special lecture on August 11, 2018 at the NCL, entitled "My Journey in Painting." In her lecture, Prof. Liang displayed and told the stories behind some of her works. In addition, Prof. Liang also demonstrated how to most fully express ideas using the fewest available tools. This was Prof. Liang's first public demonstration outside of a classroom, attracting a packed audience.



*Prof. Liang demonstrates sketching techniques during the lecture.*

### ■ Taiwan and Turkish Representative Offices Sign a Memorandum of Understanding at the NCL

On the afternoon of September 19, 2018, Representative Tai-hsiang Cheng of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara, and Representative Murat Baklaci of the Turkish Trade Office in Taipei, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The signing ceremony was chaired by the Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng of National Central Library (NCL). The agreement mainly advances future cooperation between the two countries' national libraries across a broad range of areas, including knowledge and event information sharing, publication exchanges, collection digitization, ancient book restoration and preservation, staff exchanges, and joint academic research programs.