

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

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