

“Forest Reading Room,” “Love the Earth,” “Be Environmentally Conscious,” “the Book Market,” “Reading Bazaar,” and “Illustrated Books: Listen-Guess-Narrate,” etc. All were popular attractions that got attendees involved and ensured they enjoyed a festive reading feast.

### ■ NCL Holds Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies in UK

The NCL held two Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies in UK during November 2018. The sixth Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies of this year held on at SOAS Centre of Taiwan Studies in London on November 9, 2018. Prof. Heng Su of National Chengchi University’s College of Communication lectured on “Populism, Social Media and the 2018 Mayoral Election in Taiwan.” The lecture was moderated by the centre’s director, Prof. Dafydd Fell.



*Prof. Heng Su gives a lecture at SOAS Centre of Taiwan Studies in London.*

The seventh Taiwan lecture of 2018 was held at the University of Oxford on November 26. The director of the Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy at the Academia Sinica, Prof. Siao-chen Hu, delivered the lecture, which was on the theme “Representing Ethnicity in the Ming-Qing Literary Imagination.”

With hosting Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies is not only effectively promote domestic and international exchanges on research achievements in Taiwan studies and Chinese studies, but also deepens NCL’s relationship with the international Chinese studies community.



*Prof. Siao-chen Hu (2nd left) gives a lecture at University of Oxford.*

### ■ NCL and Leipzig University in Germany Co-hosted a Conference and Series of Events on “Daoism and Local Cults: Rethinking the Paradigms”

In an effort to promote a dialog between the world and Taiwan research on Daoism, National Central Library (NCL) and Leipzig University (LU) Library in Germany co-hosted a series of events at LU’s Bibliotheca Albertina from November 29 to December 1, 2018.

The eighth Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies of 2018 was held On November 29, Professor Fong-mao Lee of National Chengchi University, a world-renowned authority on Daoist studies, was invited to speak on “Expelling Plagues and ‘Patrolling on Behalf of Heaven’: Two Different Explanations of Plagues between Daoism and Confucianism.”

From November 30 to December 1, an international conference on “Daoism and Local Cults: Rethinking the Paradigms” was held. Invited to the conference were experts in history and ethnology from Germany, France, Taiwan, Japan, the U.S., UK, and Hong Kong, and thirteen papers were presented. During the conference, NCL also planned an exhibition entitled “The Way of Heaven: Daoism and Local Cults.” On display were more than one hundred publications from Taiwan on related themes and

replicas of ancient Daoist texts. This exhibition moved to the LU's Library of Oriental Studies for display from December 3 to 24. In addition, at the end of the exhibition's run, all the books on display at the exhibition were donated to LU.

To express support for scholarly exchange, Ambassador Jhy-Wey Shieh from the Taipei Representative Office in the Federal Republic of Germany attended the opening ceremony and represented Taiwan in donating books to LU, which donation was received by University President Beate A. Schücking and Head Librarian Ulrich Schneider.

LU Library is an important partner for Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS). NCL Deputy Director-General Yingmei Wu stated in her remarks that LU has been engaged in East Asian studies for a long time. This recent collaboration is a continuation of a friendship that now extends into a new century.



*Distinguished guests take group photo at the international conference held at Leipzig University.*

#### ■ Aarhus Public Libraries Dokk1 Director Marie Oestergaard Visits the NCL to Give Lectures

On December 11, 2018, a European study tour sharing session followed by lectures on library innovation and service development were held at National Central Library (NCL).

A delegation of representatives from Taiwan's public libraries who had recently returned from a study tour of Europe were asked to share their experiences. This was followed by lectures by the Director of Aarhus Public Libraries, Marie Oestergaard, about her library, entitled "Dokk1: Redesigning Spaces and Vision." And "Dokk1: Redesigning Services and Mission."

Dokk1, the main library of the Aarhus Public Libraries system, is the largest public library in Northern Europe and winner of the 2016 Systemic Public Library of the Year Award, which is awarded by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). In her lecture, Director Oestergaard began with the introduction of the founding and development of Dokk1, and then discussed how to innovatively approach library spatial design, service resources, and reader relationship management. She also described how to use innovative thinking to reshape a library's services and values, make the library a focal point for the community and encourage public participation, transforming it into an inspirational, learning, meeting and performance space.



*Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng (4th left) poses with Director Oestergaard (center) and distinguished guests after the lecture.*