

■ **Special Exhibition “Celebrating Life: The Day of the Dead in Mexico” Held at the NCL**

The National Central Library (NCL) and the Mexican Trade Services Documentation and Cultural Office co-hosted a special exhibition on the theme of “Celebrating Life: The Day of the Dead in Mexico,” held in the Exhibition Hall of the NCL from November 26 to December 16, 2018. The exhibition opening ceremony took place on November 26, jointly led by NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, and head of the Mexican Trade Services Documentation and Cultural Office, Mr. Martin Torres. Over 100 guests attended the occasion, including Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs José María Liu and representatives from many countries’ Taiwan offices.

The Day of the Dead is not only an important festival through which the Mexican people express their remembrance of deceased relatives, as of 2008 it has also been designated as an Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. This three-week exhibition displayed the important aspects of the culture and customs related to the Day of the Dead, including the highly decorated altars, related videos, and mask making. It made the Taiwan public can better understand the spirit and customs of this festival that has been going on for several centuries.

The audio guide for this exhibition was delivered in two different ways. Visitors could either scan a QR code to link access the audio guide web page or choose to have the positioning guide. The NCL has pioneered this location-based service, which provide visitors to this exhibition with the new audio guide experience.



Director-General Tseng (5th right, front row), Director Torres (4th right), and Vice-Minister Liu (5th left), with distinguished guests at the exhibition opening ceremony.

■ **NCL Donates Books to the Thai-Chinese International School**

On October 30, 2018, the NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng paid a special visit to the Thai-Chinese International School (TCIS) in Thailand, to discuss ideas about running a library with Chairman of the School Board, Mr. Wei-pien Chang, and to look around the school library. Established in 1995, TCIS is the only international school in Thailand that still teaches using traditional Chinese characters. TCIS Students are taught Chinese culture and encouraged to study Eastern and Western culture and philosophy.



Director-General Tseng presents books to the TCIS on behalf of the NCL. (from left: NCL Director-General Tseng; Chang Wei-pien, Chairman of the School Board; Dr. John McGrath, Principal)