

The book donation ceremony was conducted by Deputy Director-General Ying-mei Wu and Representative Jerry S. Chang from the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Denver. They donated the exhibited books of NCL, and the publications of National Taiwan University Press, who also participated in the book exhibition. Dr. Robert McDonald, head librarian at UC Boulder, received the donations. CU Boulder boasts several Nobel Laureates and has seen rapid growth in Asian studies in recent years. Of the books donated by NCL, will not only aid with teaching and research but also help scholars in the area better understand the research achievements of scholars in Taiwan.

■ The First EUTW Forum of 2019 Was Held on January 18 at NCL

On January 18, 2019, the first European Union Centre in Taiwan (EUTW) Forum discussed “Brexit, Defense Initiatives and the Future of the European Integration,” was held at the National Central Library (NCL). Experts on Europe, international affairs, and political science presented their research on developments in the EU this year and in the future.

It was planned and co-hosted by the NCL, the European Union Centre in Taiwan, and the Monnet Module of EU Studies of National Cheng Chi University (NCCU). Tai-lin Chang, Professor of NCCU, acted as chair and gave the introduction. The scholars listed below were invited to present their research:

1. Dr. Chung-hung Chuo, Director of the Graduate Institute of European Studies at TamKang University spoke on “Brexit—A Smooth Exit or Down into an Abyss?”
2. Dr. Chi-ming Chung, the Chair of the Department of International Affairs and Business at Nanhua

University, spoke on “The Future of Merkel, Germany, and EU Integration.”

3. Assistant Researcher Chun-yi Li from the Institute for National Defense and Security Research spoke on “Recent Observations on Safety and Defense Policies in the EU.”

Discussants for each presentation were General Nien-chu Yang, former Minister of Defense; Der-chin Horng, Research Fellow at Academia Sinica’s Institute of European and American Studies; Dr. Klement Ruey-sheng Gu, Director of Department of Policy Planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



EUTW Forum host, presenters, and distinguished attendees take group photo.

■ NCL Co-host the Future Learning and Senseable City Forum



Director-General Tseng (3rd right) poses with distinguished guests at the Forum.

The Future Learning and Senseable City Forum was held on January 18, 2019, as part of

preparations for the construction of the Southern Branch of the National Central Library and National Repository Library. The forum was jointly hosted by the National Central Library (NCL), Bio-architecture Formosana (BAF), National Chiao Tung University (NCTU), and Taiwan Architecture & Building Center (TABC).

NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng opened the forum with a short speech, in which she remarked that the NCL had fought for more than 15 years to secure the construction of the Southern Branch of the National Central Library. The NCL finally won Executive Yuan approval for the project in late December, 2017, and awarded the tender to design and oversee the construction to BAF the following year. The Beitou Branch of Taipei Public Library, constructed in partnership with BAF while DG Tseng was director-general of Taipei Public Library, had changed everyone's definition of a library, won many awards and become very well known around the world. The NCL is partnering with BAF and Carlo Ratti Associates for this project, with the aim of bringing even more innovative design elements and concepts.

The topics presented for discussion at the forum included a lecture by Prof. June-hao Hou, Director of NCTU Graduate Institute of Architecture, entitled "From Keeper to Explorer," and a lecture by the renowned Italian architect Prof. Carlo Ratti of MIT Senseable City Lab, entitled "The Senseable City." By analyzing statistical data on building use, we can better understand people's behavior in specific spaces and how to influence their creativity. With regard to future trends, Prof. Ratti believed that when designing libraries of the future we ought to strengthen new connections between people, books, and nature.

The event concluded with the forum discussion, which was attended by Prof. June-hao Hou, Prof. Carlo Ratti, Dr. Ming-wei Feng of the

Institute for Information Industry, Mr. Kun-yue Lin of Delta Electronics Inc., Mr. Jhen-bo Tan of Siemens, and Mr. Chin-wei Lee of Bio-architecture Formosana.

NCL Publications

■ 2018 Annual Report on Reading and Reading Ability in Taiwan



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The 2018 Annual Report on Reading and Reading Ability in Taiwan was sponsored by the Ministry of Education and put together by the National Central Library (NCL). The report summarizes Taiwan's public libraries' book borrowing data for 2018 and presents some statistical analysis. It enables us to understand the reading habits and interests of Taiwanese readers during 2018, and actively assists Taiwan's public libraries and publishers to understand the demands of their readers.

■ The Impact of Taiwan's Academic Resources 2019



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