

New Year and shared their experiences of being in Taiwan.

NCL specifically arranged a series of folk songs and folk art performances for this luncheon. The NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated in her remarks that she sincerely welcome the foreign scholars come to Taiwan and do their research. MOFA's Department of Policy Planning Director Klement Ruey-sheng Gu also expressed his approval of NCL's promoting international exchanges and helping scholars understand Taiwanese people and traditional culture. Dr. Vradiy Sergey, a Research Fellow from the Institute of History, Archeology and Ethnology of Far-Eastern People in the Far East Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, was invited to share his insights while conducting research in Taiwan.



*Visiting scholars participate the 2019 Chinese New Year Luncheon held by NCL.*

## LIS Seminars

### ■ **Forum on the Dynamics of Change: Exploring New Roles, Technologies and Business Models**

Organizer: National Taiwan Normal University Library & Cambridge University Press

Date: January 22, 2019

Venue: National Taiwan Normal University Library

### ■ **2019 CONCERT Training Courses and Forum- North District**

Organizer: CONCERT

Date: March 19, 2019

Venue: National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

### ■ **2019 CONCERT Training Courses and Forum- South District**

Organizer: CONCERT

Date: March 21, 2019

Venue: National Cheng Kung University Library

### ■ **14th Second Members Consortium of Interlibrary Cooperation Association**

Organizer: Interlibrary Cooperation Association & Tamkang University Chueh Sheng Memorial Library

Date: March 28, 2019

Venue: Tamkang University Chueh Sheng Memorial Library

## News from Taiwan Libraries

### ■ **Tamkang, Soochow and Ming Chuan Universities Pilot Taiwan's First Private University Interlibrary System**

On March 27, 2019, Tamkang, Soochow and Ming Chuan Universities announced the creation of the first interlibrary resource-sharing system for Taiwan's private universities. In future, students of the three universities will be able to borrow books from any of the three university libraries. If the pilot is successful, it will be extended to include all twelve private university libraries in the Excellent Long-Established University Consortium of Taiwan (ELECT).

Tamkang University established the ELECT Library Automation Planning Center in February 2019, with Prof. Sheue-fang Song of Tamkang University, as convener of the automation workgroup. Tamkang, Soochow, and Ming Chuan Universities purchased a library automation system from overseas, and began a pilot to integrate and share the resources of the three university libraries with each other. These resources will be made accessible to the staff and students of the three universities to borrow and read.

### ■ **New Hsinchu Main Library Will Open in Late 2022**

Preparations are underway for construction of the new Hsinchu Main Library. In February 2019, the Ministry of Education approved NT\$400 million in funding for the project, which will be matched by Hsinchu City Government. The brand

new main library will be constructed on the original site of the Library of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, and is due to open at the end of 2022. The new library will be three times larger than the current building, ample for Hsinchu residents' study, arts, and leisure needs. The plan for the Hsinchu Main Library's construction details the design of the buildings and its environs, while also aiming to strengthen library services so that they can respond to future information and education development trends. The library will combine Hsinchu's special qualities as a city of technology and the humanities. A STEAM-oriented maker base will be built within the library itself, and a combination of hardware and software used to help create a more intimate learning space, which help foster a new generation of emerging talent and boost the city's competitiveness.



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