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Spotlights

■ IFLA President Ms. Glòria Pérez-Salmerón Gives a Lecture at the NCL

At the invitation of the National Central Library (NCL), president of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), Ms. Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, paid a visit to Taiwan from January 8-12, 2019. The purpose of her visit was to offer Taiwan's libraries a new global perspective for the new year. Elected president of IFLA in 2017, Ms. Pérez-Salmerón is a former director of the Spanish National Library, and has also previously held important posts at a variety of different libraries. On January 9, 2019, she delivered a special lecture at the NCL entitled "Libraries: Motors for Social Change and Development."



President Pérez-Salmerón (3rd left, front row), Director-General Tseng (4th left, front row) and distinguished guests at the lecture.

The focus of the lecture, moderated by NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, was to outline the important role libraries will play in achieving the UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

IFLA's International Advocacy Program has promoted awareness of the UN's SDGs among librarians from a variety of libraries, while also increasing the substantive contribution libraries are making towards achieving them. Looking ahead to 2019, IFLA will be particularly focusing on SDGs such as quality education; decent work and economic growth; reduced inequalities; and peace, justice and strong institutions. The lecture also discussed participation and policymaking in the transformation of IFLA. Through the creation of its global vision and draft action plan, IFLA is effectively bringing together the global library community to respond to the trend of increasing globalization.



IFLA President Gloria Pérez-Salmerón gives a lecture at NCL.

The audience for the lecture was comprised of staff and students from Library and Information Science departments around the country, as well as librarians from university and public libraries. They all came to take advantage of this rare and valuable opportunity to consult Ms. Pérez-Salmerón on a range of questions, such as how to effectively persuade policymakers to fund library development; how to effectively utilize the influence of libraries on society; and how to select which SDGs to focus on each year. In responding to each question, Ms. Pérez-Salmerón offered

opinions drawn from her own practical experience, a personal touch which also made this lecture a much more meaningful occasion.

Except this lecture, the NCL arranged the schedules for Ms. Pérez-Salmerón to interact with Taiwan's libraries. Ms. Pérez-Salmerón attended the forum on the UN's 2030 SDGs held by Library Association of the Republic of China on January 11. On January 10, Director General Tseng accompanied Ms. Pérez-Salmerón to visit the Main Library of Kaohsiung Public Library, where she gave another lecture, and the Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum. In addition, Ms. Pérez-Salmerón also visited the New Taipei City Library, the Beitou Branch Library of Taipei Public Library and National Palace Museum. Ms. Pérez-Salmerón was quite impressed for these abundant and rich interaction and visits, and shared the photos and positive feedbacks about her visit to Taiwan on her personal Facebook. With this event, a successful cultural diplomacy was completed perfectly.



President Gloria Pérez-Salmerón visits NCL's Rare Books Room.

■ **NCL's "Author to Reader" Exhibit at TiBE: Looking Forward to the Publishing Industry Valuing the Preservation of Historical Artifacts**

The 27th Taipei International Book Exhibition (TiBE) was held from February 12-17, 2019 in the