

During the six days of the exhibition, through voting by visitors and selection by experts, NCL's booth was awarded the 2nd place for the "Best Booth Design." This brought the exhibition to a perfect close.

Events

■ NCL Announces 2018 Taiwan Reading Report at the Ministry of Education

On February 25, 2019, National Central Library (NCL)'s Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng announced the results of the 2018 Annual Taiwan Reading and Public Reading Ability Report at the press conference held at the Ministry of Education.

During 2018, a total of 91.98 million persons entered Taiwan libraries, with 21.67 million of them checking out books. A total of 77.91 million books were checked out, which is a sizable increase over 2017. This shows that efforts by the Ministry of Education and public libraries to promote reading are noticeably paying off. Furthermore, language and literature books were again the genre the public was most interested in reading. Over the course of the year, a total of 38.8 million volumes were checked out, accounting for 49.95% of the total number of books borrowed. Based on the distribution of reading among different age groups, the 35-44 age group was the primary readers of the population, borrowing 20.27 million volumes. This is 26.02% of the total number of books borrowed. As for which genre is most adored by the public, it is none other than language and literature. However, best sellers this last year were no longer limited to martial art novels; for the first time books on travel and history-geography were among the top sellers.

NCL included statistics on each type of library in the report, analyzing the public's reading ability and the competitive power of reading in cities. Reading ability was assessed using the following four metrics: average number of books owned per person, average number of books borrowed per person, average number of visits to a library per person, and the ratio of library card holders. The press conference ended with the Chief Secretary of Education's Nan-hsien Chu issuing awards for the "Most Competitive Reading Power City" and "Outstanding Reading Ability City." Awardees of the Most Competitive Reading Power City included the following cities and counties: Taipei, Kaohsiung, Tainan, Penghu County, Lienchiang County, Hsinchu, Taitung County, and Keelung.



Director-General Tseng presents a brief report on survey finding.

■ The 2019 International Holocaust Remembrance Day Event Was Held at NCL

The 2019 International Holocaust Remembrance Day was held at the National Central Library (NCL) on January 27, 2019, commemorating the victims of the Holocaust. Organized by the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei (ISECO) and German Institute Taipei in conjunction with the NCL, it was the third time this event had been held at the library. Vice-President Chien-jen Chen attended and made a



Vice-President Chien-jen Chen gives a talk at the International Holocaust Remembrance Day Event.

speech, in which he reflected on the events of this period of history and important lessons we should learn from them.

In their speeches, Director-general of the German Institute Taipei, Dr. Thomas Prinz, and representative of ISECO, Mr. Asher Yarden, both noted that the countries that observed International Holocaust Remembrance Day were all democracies. This being the fourth consecutive year that Taiwan had participated in the commemorations was proof that Taiwan has joined the ranks of the world's liberal democracies, and could serve as a role model for upholding human rights in the region.

This was the first time that Vice-President Chen had personally attended and given a speech at the International Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration. He emphasized that, as Taiwan actively participates in the international community, it must always remember this period of history and stand up with other nations to protect the universal values of human rights. After nearly six years of planning and preparation, the Taiwanese government formally established the National Human Rights Museum in 2018. In future, the museum's remit will be expanded to raise awareness of all kinds of human rights issues, reflecting Taiwan's resolve to pursue democracy and human rights.

This event was a special collaboration with the Ama Museum in Taipei and the Anne Frank House in the Netherlands. Also on display at the event were Anne Frank's diary, a model of Anne Frank's home, and Holocaust-related historical materials and books.

■ NCL Hosts "Taiwan Academic Impact Awards Conference"

The 2019 Taiwan Academic Impact Awards Conference were held in the National Central Library (NCL) on March 29, 2019. Awards were made for the past year's most popular academic dissertations: "Best Communication Award," "Hot Topic Award," "Most Influential Dissertation Award," and "Best Academic Contribution Award;" for the year's most influential humanities and social sciences periodicals: "Knowledge Communication Award," "Knowledge Impact Award," and "Knowledge Contribution Award;" and for the most popular periodical review: "Best Communication in a Periodical Award." The awards highlighted the work of 53 of Taiwan's universities and universities of technology, as well as 148 of its academic periodical publishers, as models in their respective fields. Except the award ceremony, Prof. Dung-sheng Chen, Department and Graduate Institute of Sociology at National Taiwan University, was invited to give a lecture on "The Significance and Importance of Establishing Taiwan Citation Index-Humanities and Social Science (TCI-HSS)."

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