

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 (TABCC).

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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This report uses the Taiwan Citation Index for Humanities and Social Sciences (TCI-HSS) to produce statistics on journal citations over the last 30 years in each subject area, and also to calculate the five-year journal impact factor for 2017. These two statistics are respectively used to observe the long term impact of the dissemination of humanities and social science research, and the possible immediate to short-term impact of its publication. This report also lists the total number of core journals published by each university, and summarizes and ranks the total numbers of citations of each type of university academic publication.

NCL International Exchange Events



Director-General Tseng (left) accompanies Mr. Munkh-Orgil Tsend (center) and Representative Khaliun Panidjunai to visit Rare Books Room of the NCL.

January 15, 2018 Mr. Munkh-Orgil Tsend, the former Mongolian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Representative Khaliun Panidjunai from the Ulaanbaatar Trade and Economic Office in Taipei visited Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng. In addition to speaking with Director General Tseng about possible collaboration opportunities and interaction between the two countries, they primarily came with the hope of viewing the rare Mongolian books in NCL's collection. Director General Tseng personally accompanied them to the

rare books room and let them see these important works in Mongolian. Former Minister Tsend was amazed at the number of rare books NCL had in Mongolian. He hoped that in the future that the Mongolian people can view these well-preserved and rare resources.

February 19, 2019 The former president of the International Publishers Association (IPA) and current assistant-director of Elsevier, Dr. Michiel Kolman, visited with Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng. As part of the visit, Dr. Kolman exchanged views with Director General Tseng on reading promotion results by libraries and publication-related issues, as well as discussing IPA's recent collaboration with the United Nations on certain projects. In addition, NCL also arranged a short presentation on reading-promotion events, free press, diversity and inclusivity, citation analysis, and research information management—sharing NCL's experiences in these aspects. After the meeting, Dr. Kolman was taken on a tour of NCL's service facilities. He was quite impressed and gave high praise for NCL's rich collection of rare books and efforts to digitize them.



Dr. Michiel Kolman (left) meets with Director-General Tseng.

February 27, 2019 The Director of Tsurumi University Library in Japan, Prof. Akihiro Motoki, lead a group of 30 persons comprised of library