

The second lecture was held on February 20, 2019. Invited to speak was Dr. Naoki Watanabe, Professor of Department of Japanese and East-Asian Studies at Musashi University. He spoke on “Comparative Research on Proletarian Literature in Colonial Taiwan and Colonial Korea: in relation to Hometown Literature Controversy and Art Popularization Controversy in 1930s’.” The moderator was Professor Yu-cheng Lee, Distinguished Research Fellow of the Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica.



Presenter Dr. Naoki Watanabe (right) and Moderator Prof. Yu-cheng Lee.

Dr. Raffaele Luigi Cazzola Hofmann, independent scholar, who spoke on “‘Soft Power’ in Taiwanese Foreign Policy.” The final presentation was given by Dr. Meesomboonpoonsuk Suwannarat, Lecturer at Thammasat University in Thailand, whose theme was “Taiwan’s Nation Branding in Southeast Asia.”

Around 70 guests attended the research presentations, which included a number of scholars from overseas. Also attending the event were the representative of the Italian Economic, Trade and Cultural Promotion Office, officials from MoFA and other government bodies, as well as local scholars and research students in related fields.



Delegates pose for a photo with presentation attendees (right from the front row: Mr. Manantan, Director-General Gu, Dr. Hofmann, and Dr. Suwannarat).

■ MoFA Taiwan Fellowship Scholars’ First Research Presentation of 2019

The Center for Chinese Studies of National Central Library (NCL) held the first MoFA Taiwan Fellowship scholars’ research presentation of the year on March 28, 2019, in the NCL Briefing Room. Three visiting scholars were invited to present their research, moderated by Director-General of the MoFA Department of Planning, Dr. Klement Ruey-sheng Gu. First to present was Mr. Mark Manantan, an associate researcher at the Asia-Pacific Pathways to Progress Foundation in the Philippines. The title of Mr. Manantan’s research presentation was “Unpacking Taiwan’s Hybrid Diplomacy: The Roles of Taiwanese Cities in the New Southbound Policy.” He was followed by

CCS News and Activities

■ 2019 Chinese New Year Luncheon for Visiting Foreign Scholars

National Central Library (NCL)’s Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) held a Chinese New Year Luncheon for visiting foreign scholars on February 25, 2019 at the Psalms Cafe in NCL’s facilities. Invited were foreign scholars currently in Taiwan on the research grants from CCS or the Taiwan Fellowship from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as foreign alumni in Taiwan and persons from Taiwan Resource Centers for Chinese Studies abroad who were in Taiwan for a visit. More than 51 visiting scholars and distinguished guests attended this grand event celebrating Chinese

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).