

Prof. Wang once said, “A country’s national library is an indicator of its cultural standards. Besides preserving old culture, at the same time it must also push into new territory. A national library doesn’t just supply people with information; even more importantly it must provide direction and play a positive and active role in the development of a society.” Prof. Wang can be said to have played a pioneering role in Taiwan’s National Central Library while leading it towards modernization.

From the time Prof. Wang began serving in libraries, he dedicated himself to the research, advancement of his profession, the education and fostering of talented library professionals. He was not simply a pioneer as well as promoter of library and information science in Taiwan who was worthy of the name, but also its enduring teacher and guide.



NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng presents an appreciation gift to Prof. Chen-ku Wang at the Conference on his scholarship thought in 2014.

NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, offered her condolences for the passing of Prof. Wang. She also expressed her intention to lead the library by building on the solid

foundation established by Prof. Wang, whether it be in the work of the library or in sinology research. She said she would continue to lead the library towards its goal of becoming a world class library and actively pursue all aspects of the library’s work, such as creating digital collections, promoting reading for all, completing the Southern Branch of the NCL and National Repository Library construction project, and establishing Taiwan Resource Centers for Chinese Studies.



Prof. Chen-ku Wang’s precious manuscript.

Events

■ NCL and Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology Cohost 11th Intercollegiate Presentation and Competition of Outstanding Dissertations and Theses

National Central Library (NCL) and Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology (STUST), along with sixteen other schools and institutions, cohosted the 11th Intercollegiate Presentation and Competition of Outstanding Dissertations and Theses. It was held on May 28, 2019, at STUST. This event not only encourages open access for outstanding theses and dissertations and improves the production of

quality scholarly articles by doctoral and masters students in Taiwan, but also promotes the concept of full-text authorization for open access and thus ensures the long-term preservation of these research achievements.

The event showcased research from fourteen masters and doctoral students from different fields and schools. All dissertations and theses presented were authorized for inclusion in the National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) in Taiwan. Given NCL's archival responsibilities and the need to spur on scholarly dissemination, NCL established the NDLTD in Taiwan in 1998. As of May 2019, the database contained the titles and abstracts of more than 1.12 million theses and dissertations from around Taiwan. Of these, 480,000 have been authorized for the full text to have open access, allowing the public to download and use. It has already become an important resource site for Chinese dissertations and thesis for people around the world.

Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng gave remarks during the awards ceremony. In addition to thanking each of the participating institutions for their assistance, she also emphasized the revision of the law for authorizing dissertations and theses.

Those dissertations and theses formally authorized to be stored at NCL can be made available inside the library based on the laws in Taiwan. In the future, NCL will continue to promote the sharing and long-term archiving of theses and dissertations, in addition to actively encouraging a comprehensive collection of digital copies and sustainable service at a local level.



STUST is presented with an appreciation certificate by NCL Director-General Tseng (left) at the 11th Intercollegiate Presentation Conference.

■ NCL Hosts the Voice of Literature: Oral Reading Night at NCL

To welcome the World Reading Day on April 23, National Central Library (NCL) held for the first time on April 19 “The Voice of Literature: Oral Reading Night at NCL” in its Reading Room.

NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated that NCL continues to use innovative ways to create new reading experiences for the public, with the hope that so doing will give the public a taste of the joys of reading.



The impressive performance from Poem Vocal Band.