

■ The NCL's 2019 Basic and Advanced Public Library Training Program

In an effort to aid librarians throughout the nation in learning of recent trends in the library field and obtaining professional knowledge, National Central Library (NCL) held the basic and advanced training program in public library management. They are held in various regions throughout Taiwan so as to lessen the travel strain on students and to ensure the improvement in professional service and knowledge in local librarians.

This year's plan includes six sessions of classes: the basic course that ran from April to May in Yilan, Taoyuan, and Miaoli; an advanced course that ran from the end of May to June and then again in September in Tainan, New Taipei City, and Pingtung.



The participants are attentive to the course.

This series of training courses will be taught by Taiwan professors and experts in the field of library and information science. The basic course will focus on the design of library space and environment, quality control, reference works and reference services, information technology, reader services and reading promotion, collection development and acquisitions. The advance course will treat such topics as public library services for different ages, the collection and digitization of ancient books and manuscripts, innovative services for public libraries and the

management of relations between libraries and community partners.

■ Workshop on Building a Collaboration & Sharing System and Operations Management System for Public Libraries Held at NCL



Workshop participants from public libraries pictured with Director-General Tseng at NCL.

On June 25-26, 2019, the National Central Library (NCL) held a workshop on Building a Collaboration & Sharing System and Operations Management System for Public Libraries, with the aim of building an operations management system for all Taiwan's public libraries and enhancing the professional skills of library staff. The Director of Shanghai Library Chao Chen kindly accepted an invitation to attend the workshop, where he spoke with fellow librarians from Taiwan's public libraries about the outstanding achievements made in the development and operation of Shanghai Library's main and branch libraries.

On the morning of June 25, Director Chen gave a lecture on "Shanghai Library, Present and Future," in which he shared Shanghai Library's practical experience in promoting alliance cities' main and branch library operations systems. That afternoon, Prof. Pao-nuan Hsieh, associate professor of Department of Library and Information Science at National Taiwan University, delivered a lecture entitled "How Wonderful Library Services Are." On June 26, Prof. Hao-ren Ke, University Librarian and the