

The second lecture was held on June 11, 2019. Invited to speak was Dr. Wei-ting Guo, Assistant Professor of Department of History at Simon Fraser University, Canada. He spoke on “Summary Execution and Chinese legal culture in the Qing Dynasty.” The moderator was Prof. Hsi-yuan Chen, Associate Research Fellow of the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica.

CCS News and Activities

■ The NCL Holds a Course for Foreign Scholars on Using Academic Resources

Every year, the National Central Library (NCL) organizes a one-day program of activities familiarizing visiting scholars with Taiwan’s academic resources and explaining how to utilize them. The first program of 2019 took place on April 11. In the morning, scholars attended a session on using the resources available at the library. This was followed by an afternoon visit to the National Archives Administration (NAA).



Foreign scholars visit the National Archives Administration.

Around 30 scholars attended the day’s activities. In the afternoon, the scholars paid a visit to the NAA, where they were met by the NAA chief secretary, Mr. Yen-sheng Hsieh. Section Chief Ms. Ya-huei Wei then gave them a tour in English of the rich collection and resources held in the archives and explained how to apply for archive access, request documents, and deal with authorization issues. She also took them to view the NAA’s permanent and current exhibitions.

During the visit, the foreign scholars eagerly asked questions and affirmed the overall direction of development taken by Taiwan regarding archive management and openness. They were able to ascertain the likely benefit and value of the collections held by Taiwan’s institutions to their research. They said that they would share the experience of their visit with colleagues upon returning to their home countries.

■ Foreign Scholars Experience the Beauty of Yilan

To help foreign visiting scholars better understand the local customs and conditions in Taiwan, National Central Library (NCL)’s Center for Chinese Studies invited the MOA Taiwan Fellowship recipients and the Center’s Foreign Scholar Research Grant in Chinese Studies recipients to take a cultural excursion on May 24, 2019. Joining the excursion were Director-General Ruey-sheng Gu from the MOFA’s Department of Policy Planning and staff

from NCL. The group traveled to the Toucheng Leisure Farm in Yilan to experience green living in Taiwan, and then to the Lanyang Museum to learn about the topography of Yilan, including the mountains, the plains, and the sea. In attendance were close to fifty grant recipients and their family members from over twenty-four countries.

Through the carefully-designed event, scholars were able to tour the Toucheng Leisure Farm, which is known for its environmental management, and understand the sustainable development and value of Taiwan agriculture. Furthermore, they were treated to a DIY experience with kumquat vinegar and leaf printing. After the visit to the Toucheng Leisure Farm, scholars proceeded to tour the Lanyang Museum, where they could see a glimpse of Guishan Island's unique visage. This brought the activity to a perfect close.



Foreign scholars visit the Lanyang Museum.

■ The NCL Holds Its Annual Dragon Boat Festival Celebration for Foreign Scholars

On June 6, 2019, the National Central Library (NCL) held its annual Dragonboat Festival celebration for visiting foreign scholars.

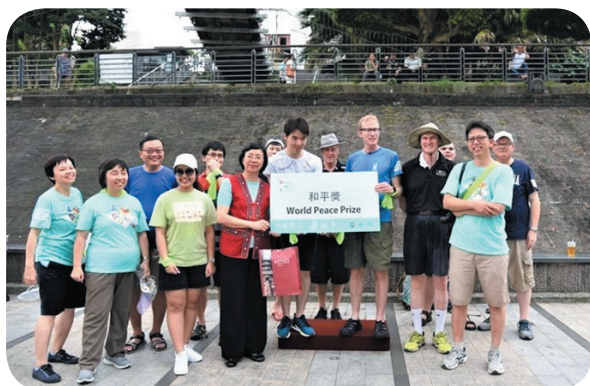
The lively festivities began in the afternoon at Bitan Riverside in Xindian, hosted by NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng. Also attending by invitation were Director of the Ministry of Education Department of Lifelong Learning, Ms. Yueh-li Huang, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Department of Policy Planning, Ms. Livia Sun, and more than 40 foreign scholars and their families. They came to experience the festive atmosphere, participate in the dragon boat racing and learn how to wrap rice dumplings in bamboo leaves.

The Dragon Boat Festival is one of Taiwan's most important festivals. The NCL Center for Chinese Studies put together a special event with the aim of giving the scholars an opportunity to experience Taiwanese traditional culture while fostering international scholarly exchange. The center arranged for the scholars to participate in dragon boat racing and rice dumpling wrapping activities, inviting trainers with international racing experience and festive food master chefs to host the activities by the scenic Bitan Bridge.



Foreign scholars participate in the exciting dragon boat racing.

Colleagues from the NCL and Ministry of Foreign Affairs helped explain each activity's cultural background. They also got involved in the activities themselves, building friendships with scholars through the dragon boat racing and dumpling making competition. At the end, medals were awarded to the dragon boat champion and runner up and for the best-made rice dumpling, rounding out a day that scholars will hopefully cherish for a long time to come.



NCL's Director-General Tseng (front row 4th left) presents the dragon boat champion and runner up awards after the event.

LIS Seminars

■ **Conference on Libraries of the Future: Value, Influence, and Positioning**

Organizer: Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) & Elsevier

Date: April 17, 2019

Venue: National Taiwan University

■ **Augmented Reality Workshop**

Organizer: National Chung Hsing University Library & Interlibrary Cooperation Association

Date: April 26, 2019

Venue: National Chung Hsing University Library

■ **Conference on The Curation and Promotion of Library**

Organizer: National Chung Hsing University Library & TMBC

Date: April 29, 2019

Venue: National Chung Hsing University Library

■ **Conference on Library and Information Society**

Organizer: The Department of Library Science at Fu Jen Catholic University & Fu Jen Catholic University Library

Date: May 2, 2019

Venue: Fu Jen Catholic University

■ **IO Talk Forum: Information Organization and Geographic Information System**

Organizer: Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) & National Central Library

Date: May 17, 2019

Venue: National Central Library

■ **Conference on Promoting Library Integration into the Social Responsibility of University**

Organizer: Library Interlibrary Cooperation Association & Providence University Lukung Library

Date: May 24, 2019