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Spotlights

■ Remembering NCL's former Director-General, Prof. Chen-ku Wang, who has established benchmarks for the libraries in Taiwan

The former Director-General of the National Central Library (NCL), Prof. Chen-ku Wang, passed away peacefully in his sleep at noon on June 9, 2019, aged 95. People from library field were deeply saddened to hear the news.

Prof. Wang served as Director-General of the NCL from March 1977 to July 1989. His 12 year and four month tenure saw the completion of much important work, including managing the library's move to newly-built premises on Zhongshan South Road; spearheading the library's automatization, and the creation of the National Bibliographic Information Network (NBINet); establishing the Center for Chinese Studies in 1981 and helping sinology scholars come to Taiwan to conduct research; promoting the important task of implementing ISBN in Taiwan and establishing a firm foundation for the work of the NCL.



Taiwan's Libraries' Enduring Guide, Professor Chen-ku Wang.

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