

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

Venue: Providence University Luking Library

### ■ **Forum on Public Lending Right**

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

Date: May 30, 2019

Venue: National Central Library

## **News from Taiwan Libraries**

### ■ **International Children's Book Day: The Minister of Education Calls for Parents to End Work Early and to Read to Their Children**

April 2 is the birthday of the well-known children's author Hans Christian Andersen. It is also International Children's Book Day. The Minister of Education, Wen-chung Pan posted on his personal Facebook account on April 2 a call for parents to get off work early and to return home to read with their children.

This year is the first year that Taiwan has participated in International Children's Book Day. National Central Library invited renowned illustrator and author Mr. Bagel to design two posters, "Train a Little Book Lover in Your Life" and "Train a Little Book Lover in Your Family." These posters outline concrete ways parents can help their children develop "early literacy" abilities. Public libraries in Taiwan have in recent years set up baby and toddler reading areas, which provide a rich variety of age-specific

books, other media, and events. These areas let babies and toddlers experience and feel the joy of reading in an area all to themselves, providing an all-new experience of reading.

### ■ **National Taiwan Library Puts on "Joy in Diversity: Traversing a New Reading Field" Event**

National Taiwan Library, in an effort to respond to new residents in Taiwan and to coordinate with the government's New Southbound Policy, has expanded its multicultural resource area. On June 15, 2019, it held a "Joy in Diversity: Traversing a New Reading Field" grand opening and book donation event. National Taiwan Library's multicultural resource center expanded from the four official languages in Taiwan to include seven other languages, such as Burmese, Vietnamese, Thai, Indonesian, Cambodian, and Malay, etc. It is estimated that the new holdings will number close to twenty thousand volumes.

The reading area also expanded from four to thirty-two seats and provides computer search capabilities to patrons. Through this opportunity to understand other cultures, the public's eyes can be further opened. It is hoped that the public can better understand the different cultures in Southeast Asia and can have a broader vision. National Taiwan Library's Director Lai-chang Cheng stated, promoting cultural diversity can not only highlight the cultures of the new residents in Zhonghe and Yonghe but also can work in step