



Group photo of Foreign scholars and NCL Director-General Tseng (3rd from left in front), Ambassador Tu Sheng-kuan from the MOFA's Department of Policy Planning (2nd from left), and Master Manqian from Fo Guang Shan (5th from right)

LIS Seminars

■ 2019 International Conference on Library and Information Science: "Linking, Informing, and Sharing"

Organizer: Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies, National Taiwan Normal University

Date: 11-13 July, 2019

Venue: International Conference Hall, National Taiwan Normal University

■ Taiwan OCLC Governing Members Consortium

Organizer: National Taiwan University Library

Date: 17, 24 July and 7 August, 2019

Venue: Taipei Public Library, New Taipei City Library, Chang Jung Christian University Library

■ Going to the New Trend in the Cloud

Organizer: National Chung Hsing University

Date: 18 September, 2019

Venue: Conference Hall, National Chung Hsing University Library

■ Training Workshop for Library Services Platform

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

Date: 2 September, 2019

Venue: National Central Library

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ The World's First Art Museum and Library Conjoined: Taichung Green Museumbrary Breaks Ground

Japanese architects Kazuyo Sejima and Ryue Nishizawa joined forces to create the Taichung Green Museumbrary.

With the groundbreaking ceremony today, it is anticipated that the main structure will be finished in 2022 and will be open for use in 2025. The Taichung Green Museumbrary will be housed in an eight-story edifice, with the exterior an expandable metal net. It will be located to the north of Taichung Central Park. Kazuyo Sejima stated that this is the world's first building that will house both a library and an art museum.

The forging of an art museum and a library in Taichung City was originally proposed as early as 2013 when Jason Hu was mayor of Taichung. At that time an international bid was held, which was won by the Japanese architectural firm SANAA. It was then designed by Kazuyo Sejima and Ryue Nishizawa. During the tenure of the previous mayor Lin Chia-lung it was named the Taichung Green Museumbrary. Finally, the contracting of and starting on construction was handled by the current mayor Lu Shiow-yen.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Green Museumbrary was a truly grand affair, with

both Kazuyo Sejima and Ryue Nishizawa in attendance. Lu Shiow-yen led a group from the city hall dressed in black Green Museumbrary polo shirts. A vocalist performed, adding the beauty of culture and art to the ceremony. Over 20 dignitaries participated in the groundbreaking with shovels in hand. Kazuyo Sejima, who has designed many famous buildings, stated that this is the grandest groundbreaking ceremony she has ever participated in.

This is the first building in the world that combines a library and an art museum. It is also the first public building in Taiwan designed by SANAA. Ryue Nishizawa said that after six years of the design process, construction is finally starting. It is anticipated that construction will be finished in three or four years. The engineering

team will work diligently until it is completed.

■ 14 Public Libraries in Hsinchu County Start Interlibrary Borrowing Services

Fourteen public libraries in Hsinchu County have found a way to enable the public to borrow and return books more conveniently. Starting on September 24, they will offer an interlibrary borrowing and return service. The Cultural Affairs Bureau also has plans to make 20,000 countywide library cards that bear a unified logo and which can function as an EasyCard. The card will merge the functionality of a library card with that of an EasyCard, and will be provided free of charge to residents in the county. The two-in-one design will be very convenient for users.



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