

well as Poland's achievements in the area of children's rights. The exhibition was held near the first floor entrance of Taitung County Cultural Affairs Bureau Library and ran until September 29. It then continued at Bei-Nan Elementary School's activity center, running from October 15 – 30. Many residents of eastern Taiwan took this rare opportunity to learn more about the issues surrounding children's rights.



Group photo of NCL Director-General Tseng, Magistrate Rao and students taking part in the ceremony.

NCL Publications

■ Memories of the Mongol Empire and Marks of Chinese Civilization: Celebrating the 750th Anniversary of 'Phags-pa Script

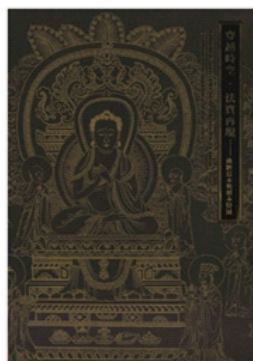


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This book is the catalogue for an exhibition held in Ulaanbaatar. The exhibits can be roughly

divided into two parts. The Marks of Civilization highlights the different media that have carried Han Chinese writings since ancient times, such as oracle bones, bronze inscriptions, stele rubbings, manuscripts, handwritten copies, and block prints. Memories of the Mongol Empire meanwhile highlights ancient Mongolia-related books, 'Phags-pa inscription rubbings, and contemporary Mongolia-related books and periodicals published in Taiwan.

■ Finding the Dharma through Time and Space: Exhibition of Buddhist Manuscripts



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In August 2019, an exhibition jointly held with the National Central Library (NCL) opened at Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum aiming to highlight the beauty of ancient Buddhist scripture manuscripts in a modern way. The exhibits included handwritten and hand-copied manuscripts, woodblock printed editions, rubbings, and carved woodblocks. Most of the texts on display were Buddhist scriptures from collections which allowed the visiting public to get a sense of the difficulty and value of scripture preservation. Another special feature of this exhibition was the scriptures written on palm leaves in a number of languages, including Burmese, Pali, and Tibetan. Even the Tripiṭaka Koreana, a Korean national treasure, made a rare appearance at the exhibition. Visitors

could feast their eyes on a veritable banquet of Buddhist scriptures and get a real sense of how Buddhism spread across China's central plains after its transmission to the far east, and how Taiwanese Buddhism's flourishing landscape has become one of the wonders of world religious culture. The NCL was invited to select some Buddhist classics to represent its collection at the exhibition, contributing 21 precious items for display. The library has also compiled and published this beautifully illustrated exhibition catalogue with clear and concise descriptions of the Buddhist scriptures in its collection. The exhibition offered the public a taste of the beauty of the library's Buddhist manuscripts, taking them on a journey through cultural history and a deep dive into the ocean of wisdom contained in Buddhist scripture.

NCL International Exchange Events

■ Joy Comes from Afar: Recent Important Foreign Visitors

NCL has long given strong emphasis to international exchanges. Not only does it maintain great interactive relationships with foreign representatives stationed in Taiwan, but also is favored with frequent visits by libraries from China and abroad. From July to September 2019 a total of 36 visitors in 8 delegations visited or toured NCL.

On July 16, Liu Wenling from Indiana University's East Asian Library met with Director-General Tseng, during which they discussed the holdings and resources of both libraries and related development policies, as well as sharing past experiences in aspects

related to the acquisition and cataloging of ancient books. This was also an opportunity to arrange future collaboration regarding the Union Catalog of Rare Books database. On July 30, NCL invited University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Librarian Elaine L. Westbrooks to speak on "The Future of Scholarly Dissemination: Toward a Basic Construct of Open Access." She shared how to create a sustainable development of future scholarly dissemination. Before her lecture, she visited NCL Director-General Tseng, where both parties discussed resources, library operations, and related services. They also planned for future collaboration regarding the Union Catalog of Rare Books database. On August 16, the Slovak Economic and Cultural Office Taipei representative, Mr. Martin Podstavek visited Director-General Tseng and discussed issues regarding collaboration on exhibitions and displays for select original works by children's books illustrators housed in the Slovak National Gallery. The hope was also expressed that both parties could have even more opportunities for exchange and collaboration in the future. On September 20, Mr. Hanno Lecher, the Head Librarian at Heidelberg University's East Asian Library visited NCL to discuss possible collaboration. Many ideas were shared on both sides regarding potential collaboration on Taiwan Resource Centers for Chinese Studies and the Union Catalog of Rare Books database. On September 24, Malaysia New Era University College Tan Lark Sye Library Director Zhuang Luyu led a 3-person delegation to NCL. They arranged a tour of NCL's Digital Resource Center and were shown the various services and facilities