

the Sino-Tibetan Borderland.” At the same day, Dr. Maud M'BONDJO, Associate Researcher of East Asian Civilisations Research Centre, gave the lecture on “Some Confucian junction points of philosophical and political spheres: Past and present perspectives.”

On September 17th, 2019, Dr. Philip Thai, Associate Professor of History at Northeastern University, was invited to give the lecture on “Coastal Smuggling, Illicit Markets, and Symbiotic Economies in New China, 1950-1965.”

CCS News and Activities

■ A Dialog between Tea and Music: A Mid-Autumn Tea Party for Foreign Scholars

To aid foreign scholars in experiencing traditional festivals in Taiwan and to promote cultural exchange, NCL held a mid-Autumn tea party for foreign scholars on September 16, 2019 at Fo Guang Shan's Taipei Vihara. Invited to the event were more than 40 MOFA and CCS grand recipients from 25 countries, as well as their family members.

The event was hosted by NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, with Ambassador Tu Sheng-kuan from the MOFA's Department of Policy Planning invited to give remarks.

The focus of the activity was to experience a zen tea ceremony. Leading the ceremony was Master Manqian, who was accompanied by more than ten other monks who demonstrated the ceremony. Music played on a zither accompanied the various stages of the ceremony, including the monks making offerings of fragrant flowers, zen meditation, the dhyana technique through seeping tea, the single flavor of tea zen, admiring the tea leaves and the spring of water, admiring the spring of water by returning to sweetness, and

thanking the tea through standing zen. After the ceremony, volunteers at Fo Guang Shan provided the group with a tour of the facilities, including the Hall of Great Strength, the Beautiful Life television station, the Fo Guang Yuan Art Gallery, and the Buddha's Light International Association (BLIA), which has NGO association status in the United Nations. Later, they enjoyed a vegetarian dinner and vibrant conversation.

The event provided scholars with an opportunity outside of their academic research to experience the exquisite tea culture and zen meditation. Those in attendance were highly appreciative of the experience and were especially impressed with Fo Guang Shan's method of promoting culture by blending technology with the humanities. They were also grateful that NCL and MOFA provided the opportunity to tour the Fo Guang Shan Taipei Vihara. It is hoped that these scholars now have a greater understanding of zen and tea ceremonies, as well as an appreciation of the freedom and diversity that exists in Taiwan with regard to religion, tea ceremonies, and zen practices, so that they can share this with their friends and acquaintances overseas.



Foreign scholars experience a zen tea ceremony



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