

At the end of the talk, NCL Director-General Tseng led an active discussion between special libraries and those engaged in research related to Mongolia on the one hand and Director Ichinkhorloo on the other. Many questions were asked about the National Library of Mongolia. This brought the talk to a perfect end.

■ Press Conference for Trial Implementation of Public Lending Right In 2020



A group photo of dignitaries in attendance at press conference.

On December 31, 2019, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Culture held a press conference, hosted by National Central Library, on a Trial Implementation of Public Lending Right. It was held at NCL's exhibition hall. In attendance were those who had given input into and helped develop the trial system, such as scholars, publishers, and representative authors, representatives from the library association, officials from local departments of cultural affairs, and personnel from public libraries. It also attracted the attention of media representatives from almost 20 different organizations.

When the press conference started, a video was shown explaining the rules of Public Lending Right. It outlined the origins of Public Lending Right and its implementation in various countries, as well as the promotion process and system and the way it could be implemented in Taiwan. Then, the Minister of Education Wen-zhong Pan and the Minister of Culture Li-chiun Cheng both

spoke, explaining the meaning and significance of this trial implementation, as well as the need for reading promotion and cultural creations.

After the press conference, the two ministers and those in attendance participated in an opening ceremony marking the kick-off of the new initiative. Dignitaries used five watering cans to water five large books. As they were watered, five flowers grew out of the books, symbolizing the gestation and fruition of Public Lending Right in Taiwan. By raising Public Lending Right to the status of a national government policy, it achieves the three aims of realizing the spirit of libraries, encouraging creative works and publishing, and ensuring the rights of creators.



Minister of Education Wen-Zhong Pan and Minister of Culture Li-chiun Cheng sign their names during the press conference to commemorate the occasion.

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