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NCL International Exchange Events

■ Joy Comes from Afar: Recent Important Foreign Visitors

The National Central Library (NCL) has always emphasized the importance of its participation in international exchanges. The library maintains good relations with Taiwan's representative offices around the world, while also frequently welcoming visiting fellow librarians from China and overseas. Between October and December 2019, five delegations totaling 49 library staff visited the library.

Among these many distinguished guests and groups visiting the library to participate in exchange activities was a group led by Prof. Zhenlong Jiang of Fujian Normal University of 42 Chinese literature specialists and teachers based at different schools around Fujian Province. The group, called the 2019 Fujian Humanities and Social Sciences Chinese Language and Literature Teacher Training Group, visited the library on October 12, 2019, with the aim of finding out more about Taiwan's academic resources and how to use them. Members of library staff gave them a guided tour of the library's special collections which left them with deep impressions of NCL's collection of ancient books and documents. During the visit they also had the chance to experience the Little Sun VR Exhibition.



The visiting 2019 Fujian Humanities and Social Sciences Chinese Language and Literature Teacher Training Group with NCL Special Collections staff on October 24, 2019.

On November 14, Mr. Omer Caspi, representative of the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei (ISECO), visited the library accompanied by his wife and colleagues, to pay NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng an official visit. They discussed the activities jointly organized by the NCL and ISECO's for the 2019 Taiwan Reading Festival and the 2020 International Holocaust Remembrance Day, as well future possibilities to work together. Soon afterwards, they visited the "Images of Childhood in Taiwan's Memory" exhibition and the library's Rare Book Room, which left them with a strong impression of the ancient books in the NCL's collection.



Representative Omer Caspi (center) of the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei (ISECO) visits Director-General Tseng(right) at the NCL on November 14, 2019.

On November 26, the curator of the Southeast Asia Collection at UC Berkeley's South/Southeast Asian Library, Virginia Shih, visited the library to discuss sharing Southeast Asia collections and resources. During her visit, Ms. Shih took the opportunity to admire NCL's treasured collection of palm leaf Buddhist sutras.

The following day, two scientific researchers from the Philippines Science and Technology Information Institute, Ms. Marievic V. Narquita and Ms. Irene A. Brillo, visited the library to conduct benchmarking. During their visit, they watched a video introducing the NCL and participated in discussions. This was followed by a visit to the library's Digital Center and Rare Books Room. They also took the opportunity to experience the Little Sun VR Exhibition and visit the library's other services and facilities.



A delegation from the Philippines Science and Technology Information Institute pictured with a member of library staff during their visit to the NCL on November 27, 2019.



Director Ichinkhorloo (center) of the National Library of Mongolia photographed in NCL's Rare Books Room during her visit on December 17, 2019.

On the morning of December 17, the Director of the National Library of Mongolia, Ms. Ichinkhorloo Bayarkhuu, and an experienced official from the Ulaanbaatar Trade and Economic Office in Taipei, Mr. Bayarbaatar, visited the NCL. The guests visited the services and facilities on each floor of the library as well as the Rare Books Room, where Special Collections staff showed them around the library's special collection of Mongolia-related documents and explained its secret history.

Chinese Studies Symposium

■ The Center for Chinese Studies Holds Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies Lectures

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) promotes academic exchanges in order to increase interaction between the local and overseas Chinese Studies communities. To this end, the CCS established the Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, which every year assists 15-20 overseas scholars in coming to Taiwan to conduct research for periods of between 3 and 6 months. Besides hosting Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies from time to time at which these scholars can present the fruits of the research, the center also often invites renowned scholars from around the world to visit and deliver lectures. Between October and December, 2019, six scholars gave their presentations. Topics and speakers for each session are as follows:

On October 3, 2019, Dr. Shakhar Rahav, Associate Professor of Department of Asian Studies at University of Haifa, Israel, gave the lecture on "Chinese Communes before Communism, 1919-1921".

On October 9, 2019, Dr. Akinobu Kuroda, Professor of Department of East Asian Studies at University of Tokyo, Japan, gave the lecture on "Transformation of Silver Usage in Chinese Monetary History Silvers Cut, Weighed, and