

In addition, he also spoke about the architectural plans for the new National and University Library building in Ljubljana, Slovenia, as well as recent conceptual changes to those plans. In 2012, the Chamber of Architecture and Spatial Planning of Slovenia (ZAPS) and the Ministry of Education, Science, and Sport put on an international building and city competition for the new library, which has been termed NUK2. The Ljubljanan architecture firm Bevk Perovic Architects won the bid. The finalization of project planning and the obtaining of building permit is anticipated to occur in 2020. Since more than seven years had passed, NUK2's team made some quick changes to their plans. The change in concept—which mirrors developments in university libraries around the world—means a reduction in stacks and an expansion of study space. NUK2 is designed to be a modern university library that will primarily support universities and other research organizations in teaching and research.

Events

■ **The 2019 Achievement Report for the Projects “Strengthening the Operational System of City and County Libraries” and “Promoting a System of Main and Branch Public Libraries” & the International Library Benchmarking and Learning Visit in Finland Report Comes to a Successful Close**

In an effort to expand the international vision of librarians at county and city public libraries, and to promote the exchange of expertise, National Central Library held a 2019 Achievement Report for the Projects “Strengthening the Operational System of City and County Libraries” and “Promoting a System of Main and Branch Public Libraries” & the International Library Benchmarking and Learning Visit in Finland Report on January 21, 2020. Director-General

Shu-hsien Tseng mentioned in her opening remarks that in 2019 a total of six counties and cities received funding from the Ministry of Education's “Constructing a Public Library System for Mid- and Long-term Collaboration and Sharing Project,” including New Taipei City, Tainan City, Hsinchu County, Miaoli County, Hualien County, and Taitung County. This was to be used for improving the operations in main and branch libraries throughout the county or city. After one year of effort, we can look back and see the results of these efforts. We can also look to the future and provide valuable experiences that future libraries can learn from. In addition, to better understand the current conditions and experiences of target city libraries overseas in terms of operational development, in 2019 a delegation from Taiwan public libraries traveled to Helsinki, Finland to visit the benchmark libraries there. What was learned in terms of operations development, public lending rights, service quality, development projects, and other topics will provide valuable insight into Taiwan's situation.

Reporting from the International Library Benchmarking and Study Group to Finland was started off by Director of National Taiwan Library Lai-chang Cheng, who presented an overview of the trip to Finland. Next, Director of New Taipei City Library Chin-hua Wang spoke on their visit to the Helsinki Central Library Oodi and the discussion on “Promoting public libraries and public lending rights (PLR) in Finland”; Director of Tainan Public Library Yu-chen Hung shared reflections on the visit to the University of Helsinki Library, as well as the discussion on “The policy, development plan, and service quality policy of public libraries in Finland.” Section Chief of Hualien County Cultural Affairs Bureau Department of Library and Information System Shu-mei Yang spoke on the visit to the Kallio Library in Helsinki, as well as the discussion on “Collaboration between schools and libraries.” Section Chief of Taitung

County Cultural Affairs Department Liang-ying Hsieh shared reflections on their visit to the National Library of Finland and the Itäkeskus Branch Library, as well as the discussion on the “Introduction of the work and services in Celia Library.” Section Chief of Cultural Affairs Bureau of Hsinchu County Government Library and Information Section Pei-hsuan Lee discussed what they learned while visiting the Espoo City Library, Iso Omena Library, and Celia Library. Deputy Director of Education Department of Miaoli County Government Hsin-hui Yeh spoke on their experience at the Pasila Library and the discussion on “For Joy and Equality” at the Helsinki City Library.



NCL Director-General Tseng leads the group discussion and exchange of ideas.



Group photo of NCL Director-General Tseng (5th from left in front) and attending committee members, as well as representatives from various counties and cities.

After 12 amazing presentations, the convener of the oversight committee, Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, led the group discussion and exchange of ideas. Lastly, Director-General Tseng presented certificates of completion to the Finland

group members, and a group photo was also taken. This was a perfect ending to the meeting.

■ The Collaborative Digitization of Material Resources on the 100 Years of Education & the Signing Ceremony and Appreciation Meeting for Co-Creating and Sharing of the Taiwan Memory Database Project

National Central Library collaborated with the following 18 schools on the "Collaborative Digitization of Material Resources on the 100 Years of Education & Co-creating and Sharing of the Taiwan Memory Database Project": Taipei Municipal Jianguo High School, National Hu-Wei Senior High School, Taipei Municipal Zhongshan Girls High School, National Tainan First Senior High School, National Tainan Second Senior High School, National Tainan Girls' Senior High School, Taichung Municipal Taichung Girls' Senior High School, Kaohsiung Municipal Kaohsiung Senior High School, National Pingtung Senior High School, National Pingtung Girls' Senior High School, National Hsinchu Senior High School, National Keelung Girls' Senior High School, Taipei Municipal Chenggong High School, National Tainan Commercial Vocational Senior High School, National Hualien Girls' Senior High School, National Chia-Yi Girls' Senior High School, National Changhua Girls' Senior High School, and National Hsinchu Girls' Senior High School. A MOU signing ceremony and appreciation meeting was held on January 14, 2020 at National Central Library.

At the beginning of the event, the five schools that had collaborated on the project put on display digitized versions of old books they had in their collections that were published before 1949. In addition, NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng and K-12 Education Administration Director-General Peng Fu-yuan both spoke; Director-General Tseng expressed her thanks for the schools that joined in the collaborative effort. She also mentioned that NCL had acquired